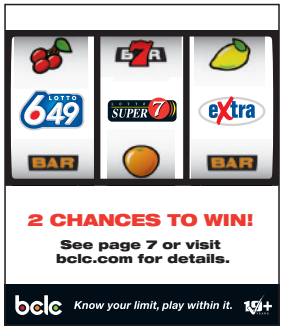

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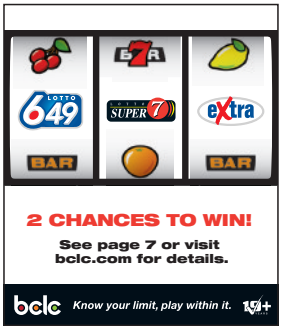

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Transit riders more fit: Study

HEALTH Taking public transit may help people keep fit, says a new study by University of B.C. researchers.

Transit riders are three times more likely to meet the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation's suggested daily minimum of physical activity, researchers found. Trips by bus and the SkyTrain often involve walking to and from stops, meaning transit users are more likely to meet the recommended 30 minutes of moderate physical activity a day, five days a week.

Lawrence Frank, co-author of the study, said the idea of needing to go to the gym is a misperception.

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Juno Awards

The Juno awards are set to take place this Sunday in Vancouver, and Metro has your guide to the event:

Local

- **Musicians meet NHL alumni on the ice, pg 3**

Music

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Riding the Recession

- **Metro wraps up its Riding the Recession series today with a look at how the economy is faring, and how long this financial climate will last, pg 6**

Environment **The world unites for Earth Hour**

Earth Hour is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. People around the world are asked to do their part to fight global warming and switch off their lights for an hour. To read how Vancouver plans to power down, see pg 5. Urban Compass sees the light, pg 12. Also, go to metronews.ca/goinggreen for a message from James Leape, the director general of WWF International.

Junos more than awards to musicians

Event a chance to get together

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Canada's Music Awards
JUNO Awards

To the musicians who perform, present and are honoured at the Junos, the annual event is more than just an awards show — it's a yearly reunion.

The celebration, which is being held in Vancouver this weekend, spans four days and allows emerging local artists to mingle with the country's best.

"It's an excuse to gather the tribe, to get everyone in one place together for some kind of purpose," Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy told Metro Vancouver on Thursday.

"It's about celebrating another year in the music biz, which is a difficult life and a fun life."

Cuddy said the diversity of events, including dozens of concerts and an NHLers-versus-musicians hockey game, give musicians another reason to come and spend the weekend.

As many as 20,000 people are expected to pack Granville Street's entertainment district Friday and Saturday for a free street party while 100 artists are performing at venues across the city Friday night and Saturday night as part of Juno celebrations.

"It's an excuse to gather the tribe, to get everyone in one place together for some kind of purpose."
Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy

"It's not just coming and just attending the TV show, we try to do something so much more. There's the songwriter's circle, which is a beautiful thing, there's jamming suites at night," said Cuddy.

"Everybody gets together, and this is the only time we have to get together."

Motorists take 'high' road, even as drunk driving falls

STUDY B.C. drivers are putting down the bottle and picking up the bong.

According to a study released Thursday by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), 10.4 per cent of motorists tested positive for drug use.

Out of 1,533 drivers tested in the Lower Mainland, 8.1 per cent measured positive for alcohol use and 15.5 per cent tested positive for both alcohol and drug use.

Offenders

- Drivers aged 19-35 were the most common offenders for drinking under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Doug Beirness, senior researcher for the study, said the discovery is bittersweet.

"Drinking and driving appeared to be on the decline," Beirness said. "That's the good news, unfortunately driving after drug use is now just as prevalent."

Beirness credited the decrease in drinking and driving to the preventative programs made available in the last 10 years. He wants to see the same for drugs. "Sixteen- to 18-year-olds (measured) didn't include one person drinking," Beirness said. "Now, they haven't got the drug message yet."

Beirness said nine per cent of that age group tested positive for drug use.

"The drinking and driving message works," he said. "A drug one will too."

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B.C. sees quick growth: StatsCan
British Columbia has the second fastest growing population behind Alberta, according to figures released by Statistics Canada yesterday. The number of people in B.C. grew by more than 14,000 during the last three months of 2008. The province's population is now greater than 4.4 million. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Obama's mastermind hits town

The campaign manager for U.S. President Barack Obama, left, is coming to Vancouver. David Plouffe, is the keynote speaker at Cossette West's digital marketing and communications conference on May 11 at the new Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre. It'll be Plouffe's first appearance in Western Canada. METRO VANCOUVER

MMA drive taps out to city councillors

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FIGHTING Professional mixed martial arts (MMA) was choked out of Vancouver for the foreseeable future Thursday, as councillors decided to again lobby to establish a provincial regulatory body for the increasingly popular sport.

"It really should be with the province," said Vision Coun. Heather Deal. "It shouldn't be a patchwork of city-by-city regulations and sanctioning bodies."

Suzanne Anton, the lone councillor in favour of city-sanctioned MMA fights, said the decision only "delayed and deferred" the issue.

The city put a moratorium on sanctioning MMA events in 2007 while it requested — through the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) — the establishment of a provincial body to regulate professional fighting competitions. The UBCM rejected Vancouver's request in September. It was noted that while some cities banned the fights, others sanctioned and promoted them.

Deal said Vancouver was not closing the door on MMA and requested that staff report on the legal liabilities and economic benefits/impacts of city-sanctioned fights.

"It really should be with the province. It shouldn't be a patchwork of city-by-city regulations and sanctioning bodies."
Heather Deal, Vision councillor

Dad obeyed law: Daughter

Family speaks out after police gun down man with blade

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A man shot and killed by police in Vancouver was an artist who used an X-Acto knife to make greeting cards for his friends and family, Michael Vann Hubbard's daughter said in a statement yesterday.

"My father was not a thief, a bank robber, nor a drug addict," said Wendy Hubbard, who wrote the statement on behalf of herself and her sister.

"He was a gentle, law-abiding man who believed strongly in social justice and the rights of the poor and the discarded people of our world."

Vancouver police said Vann Hubbard, 58, was advancing on officers with an extended X-Acto knife when he was shot once and killed last Friday morning in the 500 block of Homer Street. Officers were looking for two men who had broken into a car and stolen a bag. Vann Hubbard was innocent of the theft. His family plans to sue Vancouver police and the city for wrongful death.

In her statement, Hubbard described her father as a socialist and social justice activist who moved to Canada from the U.S. to have a better life.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Michael Vann Hubbard in a family photo.

Musicians get a chance at NHL alumni

Canada's Music Awards
JUNO Awards

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HOCKEY Many of Canada's biggest rock stars grew up dreaming about being a hockey player, and for one night a year they get that chance.

Tonight, some of the musicians in town for the Juno Awards will be facing off against NHL alumni for a charity hockey game at Thunderbird Arena to raise money for MusiCounts charity.

Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy, who started the JunoCup six years ago, said hockey unites Canadians and by extension Canadian musicians.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Jim Cuddy, singer for Blue Rodeo, chats with ex-NHLer Russ Courtnall, left, at Thunderbird Arena on Thursday during a practice ahead of Friday's Juno Cup.

Stompin' Tom Connors, The Tragically Hip, Tom Cochrane, the Rheostatics and Kathleen Edwards have all written songs about hockey.

"Somehow hockey embodies a lot of the characteristics of what it's like to be Canadian," said Cuddy.

"(And) musicians and NHLers lead very similar lives (with) the travelling and playing (shows and games), and that creates a certain state of mind that we can share."

Former Montreal Canadien Mark Napier, who is participating in his fourth Juno Cup, said there's "mutual admiration" between musicians and hockey players.

He added that it's "more than fair" to pit ex-NHLers against rockers, and said while the rivalry is intense, he still expects the NHLers to win Friday night.

Fostering music

- MusiCounts gives out grants to schools to buy musical instruments.
- The JunoCup takes place at 7 p.m. at UBC. Tickets are $14.99.

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Going Green
WWF director James Leape on why Earth Hour is more than symbolism at **metronews.ca/goinggreen**

News in brief

RESCUE RCMP officers held high the head of a 50-year-old man so he wouldn't drown after becoming trapped when his car ended up in a water-filled ditch, news1130.com reports. The dramatic rescue took place in Abbotsford.

MONITORS Security cameras will be placed around Vancouver during the 2010 Olympics, cknw.com reports. City council approved $500,000 to install the closed-circuit TV cameras.

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Street View coming to Vancouver
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10% of province is addicted to something, report says

SAM SMITH
for Metro Vancouver

HEALTH One in 10 British Columbians are addicts, according to a report released Thursday by the B.C. Medical Association (BCMA).

Almost 400,000 people suffer from some form of addiction or dependence, researchers found. They looked at gambling, coffee and alcohol addiction as well as dependency on hard drugs.

Dr. Shao Hua Lu, lead author, said addiction should be recognized as a disease.

He and the BCMA want to add 600 new treatment beds and 240 detoxification spaces by 2012.

He said this will stop congestion at hospitals and allow detox "on demand."

"These are currently two of the biggest gaps in addiction care in B.C.," Lu said.

BCMA president Bill Mackie said once addiction is seen as a disease it will not only help people, but will save the province money.

"Substance abuse cost B.C. over $6 billion in 2002," Mackie said. "Access to primary and intervention levels of care can reduce the stress and costs on the system further down the line."

Withdrawal

- The Fraser Health Authority estimates that "by 2010, approximately 192,000 to 240,000 people will be in need of withdrawal management and/or treatment services for substance misuse."

Nationwide child porn operation nabs 11 in B.C.

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RCMP and municipal police arrested 11 men across the province, including four from the Lower Mainland, as part of a nationwide child pornography investigation, Mounties said Thursday.

The victims, said RCMP Const. Rosiane Racine of the Integrated Child Exploitation Team, were boys and girls ranging in age from 17 to infants, "some with the umbilical cord still attached."

Police raided 15 houses in B.C from Victoria to Fort St. John as part of "Project Salvo," Canada's largest-ever co-ordinated investigation into Internet-facilitated child sexual abuse.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER
RCMP Const. Rosiane Racine of the Integrated Child Exploitation Team talks about "Project Salvo" at RCMP headquarters in Vancouver Thursday.

Across the country, 50 people were arrested for possessing and exchanging child-porn images online.

"These are not just pictures," said Racine. "These are crime scene photos with real children, real victims.

"These children are victims of sexual abuse, rape, violence, torture and humiliation."

The images, Racine said, stay online forever and the child is revictimized every time they are viewed, shared or downloaded.

Police would not discuss specifics of Project Salvo, but said it focused on people who would meet online with like-minded individuals to exchange images.

All 11 B.C. men have been released from custody and charge recommendations have been forwarded to Crown counsel.

News in brief

ACCIDENT A tree fell on a man cutting firewood on Thursday. The Maple Ridge resident was taken to Royal Columbian Hospital after apparently suffering a heart attack during the incident.

CRIME Vancouver Police chief Jim Chu met with B.C.'s solicitor general Thursday to ask for an increase to the force's $2.1-million anti-gangs budget, cknw.com reports. Half the money for 2009 has already been spent.

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Forgotten Felines charged with forgetting felines

DOMINIQUE ARMAND
for Metro Vancouver

SPCA The owner of a shelter for abused and neglected cats called Forgotten Felines is facing charges for allegedly doing just that — forgetting about the cats in her care.

"The cats were suffering from life-threatening neglect."
Eileen Driver, B.C. SPCA

Decomposing cats were found on the property of Penny March after the B.C. SPCA received numerous complaints last October.

Eileen Driver, a senior animal protection officer with the B.C. SPCA, said the scene was "appalling."

"The cats were suffering from life-threatening neglect and many were in critical condition," she said.

Nearly 50 cats were removed from the property and only 36 survived.

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City ready to power down

Global initiative gives urbanites a new way to view area

EarthHour

Vancouver is joining cities worldwide this Saturday in turning off all non-essential lights for 60 minutes as part of Earth Hour.

The global initiative is designed to address climate change, but it has also allowed urban dwellers to see their cities in a whole new light — darkness.

Last year, couples enjoyed candle-lit dinners at restaurants around Vancouver, children played flashlight tag and the stars returned to the skies above.

On Thursday, Environment Minister Barry Penner said all government buildings will be turning off non-essential lights between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

"Turning our lights off for a single hour may not seem like much, but it's a symbolic gesture of global proportions," Penner said.

The University of B.C., for the second year in a row, is asking all 60,000 of its students and staff to turn this into Earth Weekend by unplugging computers, monitors, printers, photocopiers, lighting and — where possible — additional heating and ventilation systems.

"This year, our target is a five per cent reduction (in power consumption)," said Orion Henderson, associate director of UBC's Sustainability Office.

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How to spend your Earth Hour

Pass the time:
- Go outside and look at the stars.
- Find a viewing spot like Grouse Mountain or Harbour Centre to watch the city go dark.
- Go for a lantern walk through Stanley Park.
- Have a board game party.
- Have an acoustic music jam.
- Tell ghost stories.
- Do candlelight yoga.

Restaurants serving dinner by candlelight:
- Griffins Restaurant at the Fairmont Hotel, 900 West Georgia St.
- Yew restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel, 791 West Georgia St.
- Seawall Bar and Grill at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, 1601 Bayshore Dr.
- La Terrazza Restaurant, 1088 Cambie St.
- Raincity Grill, 1193 Denman St.
- C Restaurant, 1600 Howe St.
- Nu Restaurant and Lounge, 1661 Granville St.

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Female ski jumpers get meeting with IOC

SPORTS A representative from the International Olympic Committee has agreed to meet with two female ski jumpers who want their sport to be included in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Canadian Katie Willis and American Lindsey Van went to Denver on Wednesday in a failed attempt to meet with IOC president Jacques Rogge.

They have since received an email from the IOC confirming that they will be heard. The email did not say who they'll be meeting with.

The two women are part of a group of 15 female ski jumpers suing VANOC.

Ski jumping is currently the only Winter Olympic sport to not allow women to participate.

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Olympics Sale-Pelletier honoured

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Figure skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier joke during a news conference inducting them into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in Vancouver on Thursday. The 2002 men's and women's gold medal-winning hockey teams were also inducted.

Cold hurting cherry blossoms

DOMINIQUE ARMAND
for Metro Vancouver

FESTIVAL The organizer of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival is facing an awkward problem. Only one of the city's 36,000 cherry trees is blooming

But Linda Poole said that while the recent cold weather spell has made the blossoms shy, the festival also includes dance performances, music, a tea ceremony and sake tasting, as well as a photography contest.

"Not only blossom lovers come to the festival," Poole said. "We have local people who are fascinated with Japanese culture, and especially about our tea ceremony."

About 1,500 people are expected to take part in the fourth annual festival this weekend.

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Canada

Charest's Grits slipping

Quebec's separatists have jumped into a substantial lead in a public support survey released Thursday as dissatisfaction mounts over Quebec Liberal Premier Jean Charest's handling of the economic crisis. The provincial Parti Quebecois has vaulted to 40 per cent, compared to 33 per cent for Charest's provincial Liberals. REUTERS

Ahead of the curve

Canada should exit recession next year: Economist

Riding the **Recession**

SAM SMITH
for Metro Vancouver

Canada should be out of the recession by the middle of next year, according to the chief economist for the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Bernie Magnan said there's no question the economy "is only going to get worse before it gets better."

"We can expect additional unemployment to happen this month," Magnan said. "But it's to be expected, companies have to make money."

However, Magnan said he is optimistic because some industries are rebounding.

"Look at construction," Magnan said. "It helps out other places in the economy because places are being built and those construction workers are getting paid, so they have money to spend now."

On March 17, for example, British Columbia announced an $800-million budget for public infrastructure, housing, education and public safety across that province.

Magnan said this will help with the unemployment problems and keep Canada ahead of the curve.

"I think Canada has done rather well compared with other countries," Magnan said. "We're a population of 33 million and we do very well, thank you very much."

Canada also has certain advantages over other countries.

> **"We're a population of 33 million and we do very well."** Bernie Magnan

"We'll always have tourism and always have renewable resources if we husband it properly," Magnan said.

"Just remember that even though there's 6.7 per cent unemployment, there's 93.3 per cent who are employed," Magnan said. "If, and this is a big if, they feel secure in their jobs, they'll be willing to open up their purse strings and do some discretionary spending."

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Spain **Seal hunt protest**

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A naked animal rights activist lays on a Canadian flag, while protesting against the annual seal hunt, in front of Canada's embassy Wednesday in Madrid, Spain.

Ottawa warns Taliban bombs are getting bigger, deadlier

AFGHANISTAN Taliban militants are making ever bigger and more sophisticated bombs to use against Canadian troops in the south of Afghanistan, a development that a top official on Thursday called tragic.

Bombs have killed seven Canadian soldiers in the past three weeks and 19 since the start of December. So far, 116 Canadian soldiers have died in the war.

"The tragedy is that as we arm and equip and protect our people, insurgents continue to develop more insidious improvised explosive devices," said David Mulroney, who heads Ottawa's Afghan task force.

"They're bigger, they are more complex in terms of the number of people involved in triggering them," he told a House of Commons committee.

Canada has around 2,700 troops based in the southern city of Kandahar on a combat mission that is due to end in 2011.

> **"Insurgents continue to develop more insidious improvised explosive devices."** David Mulroney

Mulroney — echoing a recent downbeat report by the Canadian government — said the security situation in Afghanistan had deteriorated in many ways as soldiers and officials from NATO nations tried to tackle what he called a very determined insurgency.

"The objective of the insurgency is to undermine public opinion and that is working, but it is not leading to chaos because we are seeing a resolute response by the Afghan national government," he said. REUTERS

Deal struck to create country's largest farm

AGRICULTURE Sprott Resource Corp. said Thursday it will invest $27.5 million in a deal with Native Indian bands in Canada's Prairies to create what could become the country's largest farming operation.

The newly created One Earth Farms Corp. will lease an initial 50,000 acres of farmland from aboriginal groups for crops and ranching, and has letters of intent that could allow it to eventually lease up to one million acres.

The investment firm, chaired by high-profile money manager Eric Sprott, said the project would let it and the Indian land owners take advantage of rising demand for agricultural products at a time when the amount of arable land and water supplies is declining.

Flaherty will 'do what it takes'

ECONOMY Ottawa will do whatever it takes to help Canadians through the worst global recession since the 1930s, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

"We must do what it takes now to protect Canadians during the current global storm," he said in a speech at Montreal's McGill University. REUTERS

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT Eight carbon capture and storage projects in Western Canada will share $140 million in funding from the federal government, Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt said Thursday. The projects, whose backers include Spectra Energy, TransAlta Corp. and others, will cut emissions of carbon dioxide from electricity and oil and gas production.

ECONOMY Ontario will rack up a record $14.1-billion deficit in 2009 as it commits billions to infrastructure projects and job retraining aimed at pulling the province out of a recession.

TRADE Ottawa is watching a trade war brew between its NAFTA partners. Mexico and the U.S. are fighting over Mexican trips shipping goods to the U.S.

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Flaherty downplays Chinese suggestion
China's proposal to replace the U.S. dollar as the international reserve currency will not get much attention at the upcoming G20 summit, Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday. REUTERS

Gloomier forecast

Ottawa to redo projections to reflect economic turmoil

The Canadian government is prepared to revise the economic forecasts and plans it made in its Jan. 27 budget, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday, citing the rapidly unfolding financial crisis.

Parliament's independent budget officer Wednesday said he expected gross domestic product to contract by about 8.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2009 and by 3.5 per cent in the second quarter. In the budget, Ottawa cited private-sector forecasters as saying GDP would shrink by 0.8 per cent in 2009.

"We don't pull our projections out of the air ... we are in a period of enormous uncertainty where projections are changing extremely rapidly." Stephen Harper

"We don't pull our projections out of the air. We arrive at our projections based on a survey of the best private sector forecasters ... we are in a period of enormous uncertainty where projections are changing extremely rapidly," said Harper.

"(We) will consult with various private forecasters as we go through, revise our forecasts, see if we need to revise our plans," he told a televised news conference in Levis, Que.

Harper said he did not think the comments by the budget officer were remarkable because "forecasts are going to change very rapidly in this environment." REUTERS

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Auto aid plan set for month's end

ANNOUNCEMENT Canada said on Thursday it would announce an aid plan for the struggling auto industry by the end of March, roughly coinciding with a scheduled announcement by the United States.

The White House said on Thursday that President Barack Obama would unveil bailout plans for auto manufacturers before leaving for a European trip on March 31, and Canadian Industry Minister Tony Clement said he too planned an announcement by the end of the month. REUTERS

Golf Warming up for the links

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Golfer Kevin Smith works his swing behind a puddle on the range at Diamond Back Golf Club in Richmond Hill, Ont. Although some parts of Canada were still snowed under, spring could be felt in many places.

Expert warns of cellphone risk

ATTENTION When it comes to talking on your cellphone, beware of multi-tasking.

That's the advice from a Toronto academic the day after a woman was killed in Toronto when she walked into a truck while talking on her cellphone.

"There are limits to how much we can attend to at one time," explained Michael Inzlicht, an assistant psychology professor at the University of Toronto, Scarborough campus.

Focusing attention is very much like shining a spotlight, he said Thursday. "You've got a visual array in front of you, but the spotlight will focus only on what's being illuminated," he said, adding you may physically perceive other objects but they won't necessarily register.

Inzlicht said it has been long known our brains are not well adapted to handling two demanding tasks at a time and there are numerous studies that show this.

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Crackdown breaches WTO rules: Commission
A U.S crackdown on European online gambling breaches World Trade Organization rules and would justify action at the WTO, the European Commission said on Thursday. REUTERS

World

Live music makes big cash

Turnover from global live music rose by 10 per cent in 2008 to $25 billion US, continuing its strong growth at a time when traditional sales of recorded music are falling, a report said Thursday. The leading tours of 2008 were Jon Bon Jovi, left, Bruce Springsteen and Madonna. Irish group U2 will start its world tour later this year with support from Live Nation Inc., the world's largest concert promoter. REUTERS

Bangkok **Surrounding the PM**

SUKREE SUKPLANG/REUTERS

Supporters of former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra gather at the Government House in Bangkok Thursday. More than 20,000 surrounded the offices of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, distracting his government as it began giving cash handouts to the poor in a bid to stave off a recession.

N. Korea rattles sabre

News report claims missile has range to hit U.S. territory

North Korea said on Thursday that if the international community punishes it for next month's planned missile launch, it will restart a nuclear plant that makes weapons grade plutonium.

The secretive state this week put a long-range missile in place for a launch the United States said would be "provocative" and in violation of UN sanctions imposed on Pyongyang for past weapons tests.

North Korea warned that any action by the UN Security Council to punish it would be a "hostile act."

North Korea has frozen its aging nuclear reactor and started to take apart its Yongbyon atomic plant under a deal signed by regional powers in 2005 that called for economic aid and better diplomatic standing for the isolated North in return. Despite the agreement, the North carried out a nuclear test in 2006.

The South Korean daily Chosun Ilbo quoted a diplomatic source as saying the North could fire its Taepodong-2 missile, which has the range to hit U.S. territory, by the weekend.

REUTERS

U.S. sets sail

- The U.S. navy has begun deploying Aegis-guided missile destroyers in waters surrounding Japan in preparation for North Korea's expected launch of a rocket it claims is intended to put a satellite into orbit, according to Japanese news site Yomiuri Shimbun.

News in brief

REGULATION Wall Street faces curbs on risk taking and the prospect of lower profits under sweeping U.S. proposals to prevent a repeat of the credit crisis. The Obama administration's plan to rewrite financial rules, announced Thursday, would create a single regulator to monitor any firm whose failure could threaten the financial system, while also tightening rules for big hedge funds and private equity firms.

MIDDLE EAST Israel says far more armed fighters and far fewer Palestinian civilians were killed during its 22-day offensive in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip in January than reported in widely used Palestinian figures.

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Obama ice cream lookalike draws flak

A Russian advertising agency has used an image resembling U.S. President Barack Obama to promote a new vanilla-and-chocolate ice cream, drawing the ire of human-rights groups that said the ad was vulgar.

The poster features a computer-generated caricature of a broadly smiling figure resembling Obama, standing in front of the U.S. Congress with the ice cream in the foreground.

The strapline reads: "It's on everyone's lips — the Dark is in the White!"

Prominent Russian human-rights activist Lev Ponomaryov rapped the advertisement as "a vulgar exploitation of some political symbols in pursuit of commercial interests."

Russia has had a growing problem with violent racist attacks on dark-skinned immigrants.

REUTERS

Pirates sieze Norwegian cargo vessel

SOMALIA Pirates have captured a Norwegian-owned cargo vessel off the coast of Somalia with a crew of 23 people aboard, a U.S. navy spokesman said on Thursday.

"The cargo is unknown. There are 23 crew members aboard," said Lt. Nathan Christensen, spokesman for the U.S. Fifth Fleet in Bahrain.

The vessel, named Bow Asir, was Bahamas-flagged, he said.

REUTERS

News in brief

LONDON A British auction house said on Thursday it intends to sell 13 paintings attributed to Nazi leader Adolf Hitler next month. The works, including a self portrait painted when Hitler was a struggling artist in Vienna, will go under the hammer on April 23.

KABUL Afghan President Hamid Karzai publicly declared his assets on Thursday in order to offset corruption smears. Karzai said that he earns 24,350 afghanis ($600) each month. He also said that he had no debts, did not own a private house or car and had no land.

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Hard Rock eyes hotels in Asia

Hard Rock International Inc. is looking to set up hotels across Asia, betting that people will find rooms with rock 'n' roll-themed interiors attractive despite the recession. REUTERS

Business

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U.S. economy dips

6.3% fall in GDP steepest plunge since 1982

U.S corporate profits plunged a record $120.1 billion US in the fourth quarter as the economy shrank at its fastest pace since 1982, depressed by a slump in consumer spending and exports, government data showed Thursday.

In another snapshot of the distressed economy, the number of workers collecting state jobless benefits rose to a record 5.56 million earlier this month, while new claims climbed to 652,000 last week, a separate government report showed.

Mortgage rates

- U.S. rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged a record low of 4.85 per cent this week, feeding demand for refinancings, as a result of government efforts to reduce rates to levels that will help the hard-hit housing market recover.

The Commerce Department said after-tax corporate profits dropped 10.7 per cent in the fourth quarter, the largest decline since the first quarter of 1994. Profits fell $5.2 billion in the third quarter.

Shrinking profits came as gross domestic product, which measures the total output of goods and services within U.S. borders, fell at an annual rate of 6.3 per cent in the October-December quarter, the steepest decline since the first quarter of 1982.

But analysts said the quarter was probably the worst of the 15-month recession and they expect the economy to start stabilizing, though first-quarter output would still show another steep fall. REUTERS

Switzerland **Baselworld launches**

CHRISTIAN HARTMANN/REUTERS

A woman walks past the Herbelin showcase on the opening day of the Baselworld, the world's leading watch and jewelry show, in Basel, Switzerland, Thursday.

Denmark leads world in telecoms tech: Index

RANKINGS Denmark boasts the world's most networked economy, putting it and its Nordic neighbours in a good position to rebound from the current global downturn, the World Economic Forum said Thursday.

Canada ranked 10th in the annual WEF Networked Readiness Index, which measures information and communications technology availability and use, such as access to mobile phone and Internet services.

Sweden placed second, the United States third, Singapore fourth and Switzerland fifth among the 134 economies listed in the index.

In the report, the WEF said that investing in telecoms infrastructure and services could help "general competitiveness and progress" and put countries on a better footing to take advantage of an eventual return to economic growth. REUTERS

Verenex investors fearing tax hit

OIL Investors in Verenex Energy Inc. are concerned that Libya's decision to block a $499-million Chinese acquisition of the company could leave them exposed to hefty tax bills.

Investors say that Libya has not clarified whether it will buy the Libyan assets of Verenex or acquire the entire company. Several shareholders said they would prefer that Libya buy the whole company, as a purchase of just the assets would lead to more taxes and cut into their returns. REUTERS

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Buying not so Direct

Customers raise concerns over high-pressure sales tactics

Marketplace

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You've probably seen the ads on TV and the Internet — featuring happy couples, gushing about saving thousands of dollars on home furnishings. They're talking about Direct Buy, a company that claims to cut out the retailer's markup by helping members buy directly from manufacturers. Sure sounds like a great deal. But Marketplace was hearing from unhappy Direct Buy members. And when we started digging, we found plenty of customers contacting Better Business Bureaus. Customers like Mitzie and Larry Wasyliw, in Calgary. They saw the Direct Buy ads on TV, and went to an open house to find out more.

What they weren't expecting was a three-year membership to Direct Buy costs about $5000 (they don't mention that in the ads). And worse yet, Mitzie says, she felt pressured into signing on the dotted line. She wasn't ready, but says the sales rep told her if she didn't join up that day, she'd never get another opportunity. So, they bought in — and instantly regretted it. "In 30 years of marriage, I thought I could have divorced Larry for the decision he made," she says. "Because I did not intuitively feel good about it at all."

And when we talk to other Direct Buy customers, they tell us they felt pressured by the pitch, too. Concerning stuff, because most provinces don't have a cooling off period if you have buyer's remorse. Direct Buy told us they do have a "three-day cooling off policy," but no one at the open house we attended mentioned that, it's not in the contract, and none of the customers we spoke to had heard about it, either.

When Mitzie tried to use her membership to order window blinds, she got frustrated. She says staff wasn't knowledgeable.

On top of that, there's an extra delivery charge to get items from Direct Buy to your house, products can take up to six weeks to arrive, and there are hefty shipping fees of up to 25 per cent of the price. On top of that, there are often handling fees that tack on another eight per cent to the price, and if there's a problem with a product, customers have to deal with the manufacturer, not Direct Buy.

At Simon Fraser University, marketing professor Lindsay Meredith says, in today's economy, people should be able to drive hard bargains at the store — and save the $5,000 Direct Buy membership fee. And what does he think about pressuring a customer to buy? "This kind of pitch is a clear signal to hit that door running."

On the web

- Tips on how to deal with high-pressure sales tactics.

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What are you doing Saturday night at 8:30?

Me, I'll be turning off the lights.

And it's not just because I don't have a life and go to bed at 8:30 on Saturday night ... although I admit it's hard to resist an opportunity for slumber.

No, silly, it's Earth Hour. That's the day everyone in the world turns off the lights for an hour and saves a zillion kilowatts of electricity.

Last year, for example, British Columbians turned off the equivalent of 2.5 million lights or 125 MW, according to the greenpages.ca. With thousands of people and 52 municipalities participating, we reduced the load on the grid by two per cent, 3.5 per cent here in Vancouver.

It was kind of neat to see big swaths of the skyline wink out like a disaster movie without all the grief associated with the disaster.

Of course, there's a great debate underway about the meaningfulness and effectiveness of Earth Hour. It's easy to be green for an hour. Let's see you try the same stunt every day. If B.C. just turned off the lights an hour a day, the energy savings would be enough to power 4,000 homes for a year.

EarthHour

During that hour, we can at least sit in the dark and think about how, if we all do one little thing like turn off the lights, shut down the computer, or turn down the thermostat, we could start cleaning up the global mess we've created. It almost makes me feel like breaking into a chorus of Kumbaya. Talk about a disaster.

The good news is that you don't have to go to bed or sit in the dark having a Hootenanny for One. You can go to Juno Fest on the 900 block of Granville at 8:15 and join the countdown to lights off with a few thousand BFFs. Or if a more intimate affair is your style, head to one of the many restaurants offering candlelight dinners Saturday night. I'm not sure how much energy it takes to manufacture a candle and get it to the table of your favourite restaurant, but it's symbolic, eh.

The truth is, the real impact of Earth Hour is symbolic. For a global population with serious attention deficit disorder, in three short years Earth Hour has become a way for everyone to focus on the value of energy conservation — and Mother Earth herself.

Think of it as spending an hour in the dark in order to see the light. And don't fall asleep.

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Worth Mentioning

Two Catholic priests guilty of grand theft

CRIME Two disgraced Roman Catholic priests have been sentenced to prison in a case involving the misappropriation of more than $8 million from their church, a theft one judge called "greed unmasked."

John Skehan and Francis Guinan were accused in 2006 of skimming money from collection plates and bequests at their church in Delray Beach, Fla., and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on real estate, travel, rare coins and girlfriends.

Skehan, 81, was sentenced Tuesday to 14 months in prison and seven years probation after pleading guilty in January to a charge of grand theft of over $100,000.

Guinan, 66, was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison after taking the case to trial and being found guilty of a lesser charge of theft under $100,000.

Judge Jeffrey Colbath imposed the prison term on Skehan despite requests from prosecutors, defence lawyers and the Diocese of Palm Beach for probation only, the Palm Beach Post reported. Investigators said Skehan, a priest for more than 50 years, invested heavily in rare coins, owned a cottage and a pub in Ireland, a $455,000 penthouse condominium in Singer Island, Fla., and another apartment in Delray Beach.

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LeBron on 60 Minutes
LeBron James will be profiled on 60 Minutes this Sunday in an interview he did a few months ago. The CBS news magazine show spent time with him at his Akron, Ohio, high school, as well as at a concert for U.S. President Barack Obama he hosted with rapper and close friend Jay-Z. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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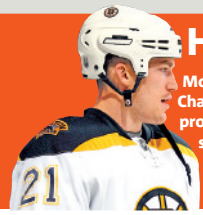

Hockey players go green

More than 420 NHL players have joined the NHLPA Carbon Neutral Challenge this season, a program designed to offset the emissions produced by their frequent travel. Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference, left, started the initiative last season in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation.
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Blues too much for Canucks

NHL RESULT
Canucks 2 Blues 4

VS

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for Metro Vancouver

THE SKINNY: The team that needed the points the most played that way as the Blues overcame an early deficit to win their third straight game. T.J. Oshie scored a highlight-reel goal and David Backes tallied shorthanded while David Perron and Andy Macdonald potted power-play markers en route to the victory. Taylor Pyatt and Alex Burrows answered for Vancouver.

THE DROUGHT: The Canucks went over seventeen minutes without a shot from halfway through the first period to well into the second.

THE QUIP: "He's no longer Oshie's 11; he's now Oshie's 12." Canucks' play-by-play man and movie fan John Shorthouse following Oshie's 12th goal of the season.

THE MISSED CHANCE: Vancouver blew a chance to tie Chicago for fourth in the West and move to within a point of third-place Calgary.

THE RATING: Canucks fans won't like the result, but the game was an entertaining one to watch. Four out of 5 stars.

THE NEXT GAME: The Canucks are in Denver Friday for a showdown with the bottom-feeding Avalanche.

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Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo makes a glove save as his teammate Sami Salo ties up St. Louis Blues forward David Backes on Thursday night in St. Louis. The Blues won 4-2.

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Detroit	107
San Jose	107
Calgary	90
Chicago	89
VANCOUVER	87
Columbus	85
Anaheim	80
Nashville	80
Edmonton	79
St. Louis	79
Minnesota	78
Dallas	75
Los Angeles	72
Phoenix	69
Colorado	64

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WEST REGIONAL
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Aerials ace grounded

VANCOUVER
2010 **Games**

FREESTYLE Steve Omischl got his ticket punched yesterday for the 2010 Winter Olympics and he's going to walk the red carpet at the Junos this weekend, but the Canadian aerials ace isn't exactly flying high at the moment.

As a matter of fact, he's grounded.

Omischl was one of three freestyle skiing athletes presented Thursday at a news conference in Vancouver as having qualified for the 2010 Winter Games based on performance this season — moguls skier Jenn Heil and Ashley McIvor, in the new sport of ski cross, were the others.

Omischl remains at the top of his game heading towards the big show, having won his third Crystal Globe this season as the overall World Cup aerials champion and capturing a silver medal at the world championships.

But the Canadian freestyle team is in Vancouver this week participating in a "home-field advantage camp" at Cypress Mountain — and Omischl is there as a spectator only.

His right hip is giving him problems. A specialist told him after an examination on Thursday it's likely some inflammation in the joint, the result of another season and some 10 years of impact.

"I don't think it's anything major," said Omischl. "I think the season caught up with me ... I've got hips like a 10-year-old golden retriever."

Still, this is a guy with a strong work ethic who doesn't like to miss training, particularly on the Olympic hill.

"I've just watched my teammates jump on the Olympic site while I've been miserable," said Omischl.

"That's been bumming me out."

Omischl is one of several Canadian Olympians who will attend the Juno Awards in Vancouver this weekend. CTV, looking to do some cross promotion, has recruited a number of athletes to walk the red carpet and will have speedskater Jeremy Wotherspoon and skeleton racer Mellisa Hollingsworth as presenters.

Omischl, wary of getting caught up in the pre-Olympic hype, reckons it's one of the few perks he will take advantage of leading up to the Games.

"I can tell you right now I'm not going to be doing many of these things," he said.

"The Junos is a cool honour to (attend) and if it was anywhere close to next season or during an important training time, there's no way you'd catch me doing it."

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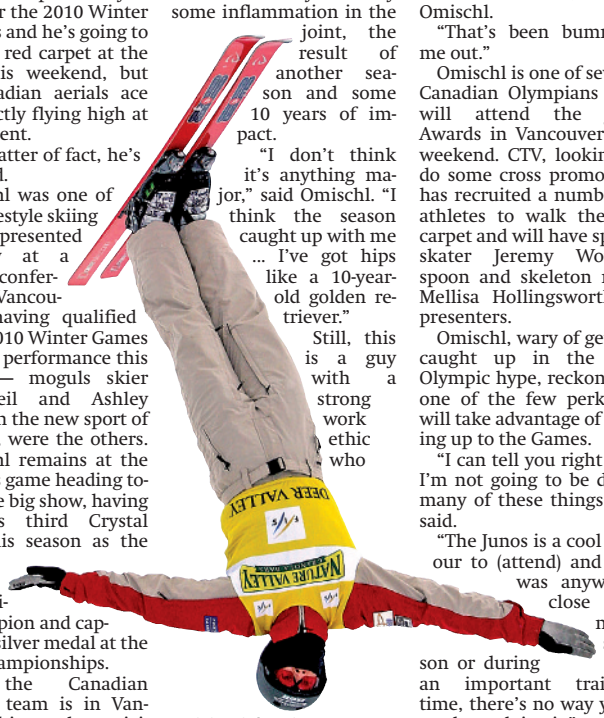
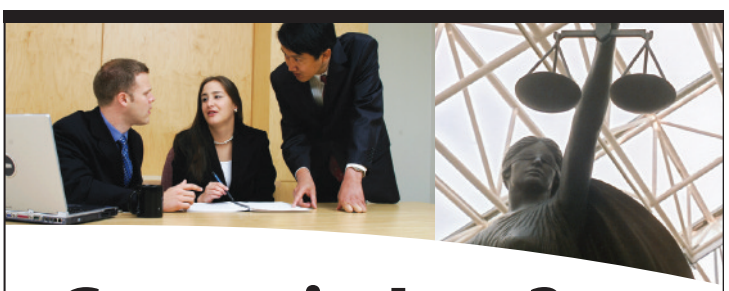


An injury is keeping Steve Omischl from practising.



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Tejada gets probation
Miguel Tejada was sentenced to one year of probation Thursday for misleading U.S. Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canadians in third after dance

ICE DANCING Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir took their first tumble in their road back from injury Thursday, but the Canadians are poised to reach the podium at the World Figure Skating Championships in Los Angeles. The ice-dancing duo finished sixth in the original dance portion but managed to hold on to third place overall. Virtue and Moir go into Friday's free dance with a score of 100.42. METRO NEWS SERVICES

This is what you've been waiting for

TheHockeyNews

Nine more games. Nine more games and the Vancouver Canucks' six-month warm-up act will be over. Nine more games and the NHL regular season will finally give way to a much more meaningful schedule: The two-month playoff run.

Goodbye to the shootout, goodbye to four-on-four overtime, goodbye to backup goalies playing semi-frequently, goodbye to goons playing at all.

The hockey is as real as it gets during the NHL post-season, and the margin for error is razor-thin.

So it would behoove the Canucks to keep their groove going into the final portion of the regular season.

A strong finish, and Vancouver could skate into the post-season in a lofty position, perhaps as high as the No. 3 seed in the West. Vancouver trails Calgary in the Northwest Division, but the gap has closed considerably in recent weeks; what was once an impossible dream is now within reach.

The Canucks and Flames face off in game No. 80 for both teams; first place could very well be up for grabs.

Vancouver has a favourable schedule down the stretch too, with games against non-playoff teams such as Colorado (three more times, actually) and Los Angeles, as well as playoff-bubble teams such as Anaheim, Edmonton, Minnesota and St. Louis. The Red Wings? Nope. The Sharks? Nah.

In other words, Vancouver's schedule down the stretch is about as easy as it gets in today's parity-or-bust NHL.

And if the Canucks can take advantage — by securing the No. 4 seed or perhaps even moving up to No. 3 — they would go a long way in helping their playoff cause. Home-ice advantage in the first round — and maybe even Round 2, if they win the division — makes all the difference in those pesky Game 7s.

Just knowing that they're going into a series with an edge, any edge, is the kind of confidence boost that could be the difference between winning and losing.

With the way Vancouver has been tearing it up since February, a strong finish and a lofty perch in the final standings could push the team from a second-tier contender to a legitimate threat. A couple of rounds of home ice might be all that's needed.

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NHL Sideshow Bob night

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Scott Hartnell of the Flyers skates as fans enjoy Scott Hartnell Wig Night Thursday in Philadelphia. Hartnell scored a second-period goal, but the Flyers lost 4-2 to the Florida Panthers.

Sports in brief

MLB Fresh off a second World Baseball Classic title with Japan, Ichiro Suzuki made his spring-training debut with the Seattle Mariners Thursday in Arizona, finishing the game with two hits and scoring a run in a 10-9 win over the Kansas City Royals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Monster stars

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Monsters vs. Aliens has an all-star cast — the kind only possible in an animated movie — led by Reese Witherspoon. The kid-friendly adventure movie is all about good, old-fashioned escapism, beefed up with spectacular 3-D special effects.

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Storytelling comes second as Haunting just aims to scare.

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Junos gearing up for all-star Canadian music showcase.

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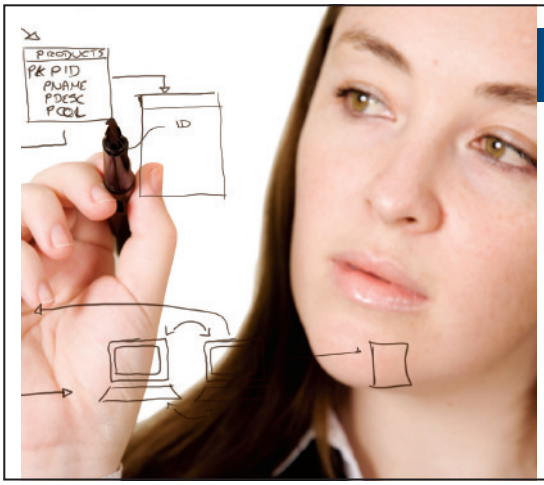
Russell Peters takes his second stab at Juno hosting.



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Also in theatres

Also hitting theatres this week is John Cena's new film 12 Rounds. For theatres listings visit metronews.ca. A full review will also be available on the Metro website this weekend.

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Monsters good old escapism

Monsters vs. Aliens
Director: Rob Letterman, Conrad Vernon
Stars: Reese Witherspoon, Hugh Laurie, Seth Rogen
Classification: PG
Rating: ½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

A scene from the animated action-comedy Monsters vs. Aliens, starring Reese Witherspoon and Seth Rogen.

On the web

- For a Monsters vs. Aliens trailer, images and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

There's something refreshing about a movie with a title that tells you everything you need to know about it. Part Plan 9 from Outer Space, part The Dirty Dozen, Monsters vs. Aliens is all about good, old-fashioned escapism. Just don't pay too close attention to the plot holes and lazy exposition.

The movie has an all-star cast, the kind only possible in an animated movie, led by Reese Witherspoon as Susan, a bride-to-be who grows to five stories tall after being walloped by a radioactive meteor on her wedding day. Labelled a menace, she's teamed up with other captive monsters, played by Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett and Seth Rogan, and locked away from society.

But of course, when a world domination-crazed alien (Rainn Wilson) shows up, the monsters get their chance to prove themselves.

While each of the heroes is charming in their own offbeat way, Rogan's gelatinous, brainless blob B.O.B. steals the show, and the notoriously ad-lib-happy actor's fingerprints are all over his character's best lines.

On the other hand, while plenty entertaining, Kiefer Sutherland channels R. Lee Ermey's drill sergeant from Full Metal Jacket a little too well, and Stephen Colbert's president sounds and acts basically like his Colbert Report persona.

Visually, the film is amazing. The 3-D is spectacular, and the filmmakers show remarkable restraint in not throwing too many objects directly at the audience. And the story works despite its flaws — or maybe because of them.

Ham-fisted exposition and sloppy storytelling can easily be excused as further nods to the B-movies the film is simultaneously lampooning and celebrating — a clever get-out-criticism-free card for the filmmakers, when you think about it.

And even if the plot is more than a little predictable, and some of the gags more than a little stale (Colbert's rousing synthesizer run of the Beverly Hills Cop theme, I'm looking at you), the movie succeeds, offering stunning visuals and honestly hilarious moments — most of them involving B.O.B.

Mottola off to Adventureland

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Director Greg Mottola and actor Jesse Eisenberg on the set of Adventureland.

FEATURE When the comedy smash Superbad came out, its stars Jonah Hill and Michael Cera got a lot of attention, but the hysteria quietly eluded the film's true breakthrough — director Greg Mottola.

Having made an acclaimed indie comedy 11 years prior called The Daytrippers, it wasn't until super-producer Judd Apatow hired him for Superbad that the struggling filmmaker would finally get his due in Hollywood.

"I do sort of believe in fate," said Mottola during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"I was really stubborn that I wasn't going to direct other people's writing and I really got in my own way.

"(Judd's) one of those guys who awoke in me to just say 'yes'; to be open to other experiences and see all the good opportunities around me and stop obsessing on 'oh, I'm not going to be the auteur that I wanted to be.' Once I let that go, life got so much better."

Of course, the success of Superbad didn't hurt either. In fact, it gave Mottola the means to finally make his pet project Adventureland — in theatres next Friday.

Movie **feature**

It is a semi-autobiographical comedy about a group of slackers working in a run-down amusement park during the 1980s — or as Mottola describes it, "Superbad's annoying little emo-brother."

"Every character is based on somebody or is a composite of someone I know and little events that happened," Mottola said, adding he's had an abundance of terrible jobs to source comedy from.

"If this film doesn't work out, there's literally nothing on this planet I can do well."

A sweet reflection about coming of age in the '80s, Adventureland is particularly underscored by a fantastic soundtrack.

Featuring songs that include a hilarious skewering of Falco's Rock Me Amadeus, the movie definitely spotlights how humorous the decade was.

"I didn't want it to be an '80s kitsch period-piece," said Mottola. "I just wanted it to feel like it took place 20 years ago but then you start to realize how radically different the world was before the internet and the corporatizing of America and cellphones — it's seems quaint and ridiculous now."

"If this film doesn't work out, there's literally nothing on this planet I can do well."
director Greg Mottola

Haunting just wants to go 'boo'

The Haunting in Connecticut
Director: Peter Cornwell
Stars: Virginia Madsen, Kyle Gallner
Classification: 14A
Rating:

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

On the web

- For a The Haunting in Connecticut trailer, and movie screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

REVIEW Beware movies that tell you that they're based on real events. Chances are the moviemakers aren't convinced you'll believe the picture otherwise.

The Haunting in Connecticut, which claims to be based on the true story of the Snedeker family and their encounter with perturbed poltergeists in a home in Southington, Conn., feels about as authentic as House on Haunted Hill.

Unlike more subtle and sublime paranormal fare like The Haunting (1963), or The Others (2001), Director Peter Cornwell garbles the mystery and reduces The Haunting in Connecticut to simple jolts.

The story follows a family that needs to relocate near a clinic where their eldest son, Matt (Kyle Gallner), can receive some radical cancer treatment. His mother (Virginia Madsen) finds this lovely old house that turns out to be a former mortuary with a troubled history.

From the time the clan move in, supernatural events start to erupt on cue.

At first, Matt is the only one confronted with corpse tampering, eyebrow snipping, creeping maggots and seances gone bad, but later the rest of the family begins to be spooked by the former occupants. (Oddly, given the severity of the kid's illness, no one ever thinks to find a safer home for him to recuperate in.)

Like so many contemporary horror pictures, The Haunting in connecticut isn't concerned with telling a coherent story. It just wants to pinch the gooseflesh. I say "Boo."

Hanks signs up for toy film

Tom Hanks is set to play a toy in a new movie. The Oscar-winning actor — who provided the voice of Woody in the Toy Story movies — has signed up to play Major Matt Mason in the movie of the same name, which is based on a '60s action figure. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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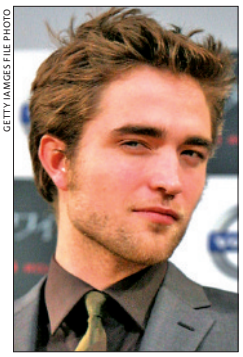

Twilight star Robert Pattinson.

New Moon on horizon

For Twilight movie fans who are anxiously awaiting the sequel but haven't read the second book in the vampire series, New Moon, the film's star Robert Pattinson offers this advice — be ready for something different and perhaps a little strange.

Pattinson became an overnight sensation playing a lovestruck vampire in the smash hit that sucked $373.4 million from global box offices, and he was in Vancouver this week starting production on the film version of New Moon.

Before that sequel lands in theatres in November, Pattinson plays eccentric painter Salvador Dali in Little Ashes, which will opens in art houses soon and tells of a homosexual love affair between Dali and the poet Federico Garcia Lorca.

But for now his turn as immortal vampire Edward Cullen, who falls in love with high school girl Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) in Twilight, has catapulted him to fame and his fans are dying for details on New Moon.

Pattinson, for one, is cautious.

"The book of New Moon, the majority of it is incredibly depressing," Pattinson told Reuters. "Obviously Twilight was about finding first love and the difficulties of that, but New Moon is really about loss and reconciliation, but the reconciliation isn't completely full.

"It's a strange story to have for a market that, I guess, wants to see a love story," he said.

Nevertheless, the London-born Pattinson said everyone involved is working to make New Moon as big a success as Twilight.

REUTERS

Plots intersect in Crossing

Crossing Over

Director: Wayne Kramer
Stars: Harrison Ford, Ray Liotta, Alice Eve, Ashley Judd
Classification: R
Rating:

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Harrison Ford's usual heroics are toned down significantly in this low budget anthology style drama. He plays a California immigration officer whose job it is to collar illegal immigrants and send them packing, even as he indulges in fantasies of rescuing them.

Max Brogan is compromised like every character in Crossing Over. His is just one of the diverse stories that intersect on the theme of immigration.

We meet illegals willing to give their money, souls and dreams to make it to America — like an aspiring Australian actress (Alice Eve) who agrees to pay an immigration official (Ray Liotta) to fast track her green card application with two months of sexual slavery.

A young Asian boy participates in a gang shooting in a convenience store the day before his swearing in. A policeman, an Iranian immigrant, kills his friends and in an act of random kindness, frees him to attend the ceremony.

Harrison Ford plays a U.S. immigration officer in the star-studded Crossing Over.

An English musician (Jim Sturgess) benefits from an act of kindness by a canny rabbi. An immigration lawyer (Ashley Judd) realizes that she can no longer just defend her clients, but must walk the walk to do good.

Kindness is rare in the streets and detention centres.

A 15-year-old Muslim high school student delivers an inflammatory speech that tears her family apart. A Mexican woman makes a fatal mistake in attempting to cross the border illegally.

U.K.-born writer/director Wayne Kramer knows what he's talking about. He faced his own obstacles trying to emigrate to Hollywood.

He shows us that behind the faces singing the national anthem at an induction ceremony is joy mixed with compromise, humiliation and sacrifice.

Film explores ethics of celebrity adoption

The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins

Director: Pietra Brettkelly
Stars: Vanessa Beecroft, Greg Durkin, Jeffrey Deitch
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Director Pietra Brettkelly's documentary The Art Star And The Sudanese Twins offers both a complex portrait of the mind of an artist and a refreshingly morally complex view of the recent celebrity fad of adopting children from the developing world.

Brettkelly's cameras followed artist Vanessa Beecroft over 16 months during a life-changing trip to the Sudan. Initially the filmmakers hoped to capture Beecroft during an artistic breakthrough as she abandoned her patented live nude tableaus in favour of a more political exhibition about the Sudan. But upon arrival, Beecroft discovered two orphaned children who she immediately incorporated into her project and decided to adopt. From there the movie becomes an intense investigation of what drives Beecroft as an artist as well as a study of whether or not it is morally right for a celebrity from North America to adopt such children with very little understanding of their world or culture.

Vanessa Beecroft

The necessary dissenting voice in Vanessa Beecroft's desire to adopt comes in the form of her husband Greg Durkin, who was not aware of the adoption until Beecroft had already begun the paperwork.

Durkin causes Beecroft to question her cause and his inclusion in the film also gives the audience a peak at Vanessa's strained home life.

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Efron joins ghost movie

Zac Efron is set to star in new movie The Death And Life Of Charlie St. Cloud. The High School Musical star will play the title role, a caretaker who is haunted by the ghost of his younger brother. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Sunshine actors mop it up

Sunshine Cleaning

Director: Christine Jeffs
Stars: Amy Adams, Emily Blunt
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In Sunshine Cleaning, Amy Adams and Emily Blunt star as two sisters ringing in an early mid-life crisis by starting up a lucrative business cleaning up gruesome crime-scenes.

Amy Adams, left, and Emily Blunt star in Sunshine Cleaning.

It may sound more like a grim new HBO series, but instead this comic-drama takes a light and charming look at a broken family just trying to make ends meet.

While single mom Rose (Adams) deals with an extramarital affair and a son who has an odd fetish for licking everything from aquariums to his teacher's leg, Norah (Blunt) is a mope who can't seem to get over her mother's death. To top it off, their dad (Alan Arkin basically reprising his Little Miss Sunshine role) is constantly engaging in zany business ventures.

For Adams, this may be as subversive as we've seen the actress. Considering her past roles (like the naïve nun from Doubt or a ditzy fairytale princess in Enchanted), that's not really saying much however. Still, she proves herself with a powerfully nuanced, and empathetic performance.

Besides, acting is where Sunshine Cleaning really exceeds. Written by first-timer Megan Holley (the film got discovered in a 2003 screenwriting contest), Cleaning may suffer from a standard script that thinks it's smarter than it is, but the bleaker context and superior cast definitely helps mop up the spill.

Pool immersed in universal journey

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

FEATURE As both the Italian Neorealist and French New Wave movements proved, there is a great pleasure in simply observing people intimately interacting within their natural environments.

And like the landmark early films in those respective subgenres — stuff like The Bicycle Thief and The 400 Blows — the critically celebrated Goa-set film The Pool embraces stripped down aesthetics and a meandering tone in a deceptively simple tale of class struggle.

But although the movie examines life on the often-mean streets of the beautiful but impoverished city of Panjim, India, it might come as a surprise that the creative force behind this elegant drama is in fact an American.

Chris Smith is a documentary filmmaker whose most noted effort is the quirky and subversive portrait of ineptitude, American Movie, and The Pool is his first stab at narrative feature filmmaking.

"In 2003 I was in Panjim helping a friend shoot a movie," recalls Smith, "and was so taken by the people that I decided to set The Pool there and adapt it to that culture. I tried to make the film connect on an emotional level which, having never done a film like this, was challenging and a radical departure."

Loosely based on the Iowa-set short story by Randy Russell, The Pool tells the moving and instantly absorbing tale of Venkatesh (Venkatesh Chaven) a working class Indian boy who becomes obsessed with a wealthy family's luxurious swimming pool and vows to do whatever it takes to swim in it.

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Slumdog actress in demand
After captivating audiences in the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire, Freida Pinto is on a roll, racking up plum job assignments with top-notch directors from Woody Allen to Julian Schnabel. PEOPLE.COM

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A beautiful Tomorrow

Before Tomorrow
Director: Marie-Helene Cousineau
Stars: Madeline Ivalu, Paul-Dylan Ivalu
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●○○

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

A scene from Before Tomorrow, the third film in the Nunavut trilogy.

Before Tomorrow, the third film in the Nunavut trilogy, is a sequel in theme only; sharing none of the characters from the previous two films Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner and The Journals of Knud Rasmussen.

Based on the novel of the same name by Danish author Jorn Riel, the film introduces us to an Inuit tribe living in an unnamed part of the arctic in an unspecified time. They experience traditional trials and tribulations of survival in the North and eventually rendezvous with another tribe for a celebratory feast.

A family friend explains how his family had once come across people in strange boats. In exchange for metal sewing needles which are much sharper than the tribe's ivory ones, the strangers sleep with some of the tribe's women, because — as the man puts it — the women wanted the metal needles.

Some time later, the family matriarch Ninioq and her grandson Maniq are left on an island to dry out the summer's catch for preservation over the coming winter. When the rest of the family fails to retrieve the pair, Ninioq and Maniq head back to the tribe's campsite to find their entire family dead, killed by a mysterious disease.

The only clue as to its origin of the illness was a set of metal needles found in one of the tents. Facing the impending winter, Ninioq and her grandson head south hoping to find civilization.

Before Tomorrow is above all else, a beautifully shot film and its simple narrative mimics life in the barren arctic tundra. The threat of European intervention into Inuit life hangs over the first half of the film. But what was already a loose story line quickly unravels after Ninioq and Maniq are forced to set out on their own. Director Cousineau's refusal to give viewers any kind of resolution is frustrating after immersing ourselves in their world.

24 City blurs line between narrative and documentary

24 City
Director: Jia Zhangke
Stars: Jianbin Chen, Joan Chen
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●○

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Jia Zhangke may be China's most contentious — filmmaker, and 24 City ranks as perhaps his most fascinating provocation yet.

The title refers to a new condo development/industrial park being erected on top of an ancient aeronautics factory building; it's as much a ready-made metaphor for China's fraught evolution from socialism to capitalism as the theme park in Jia's The World was a free-standing signifier of globalization.

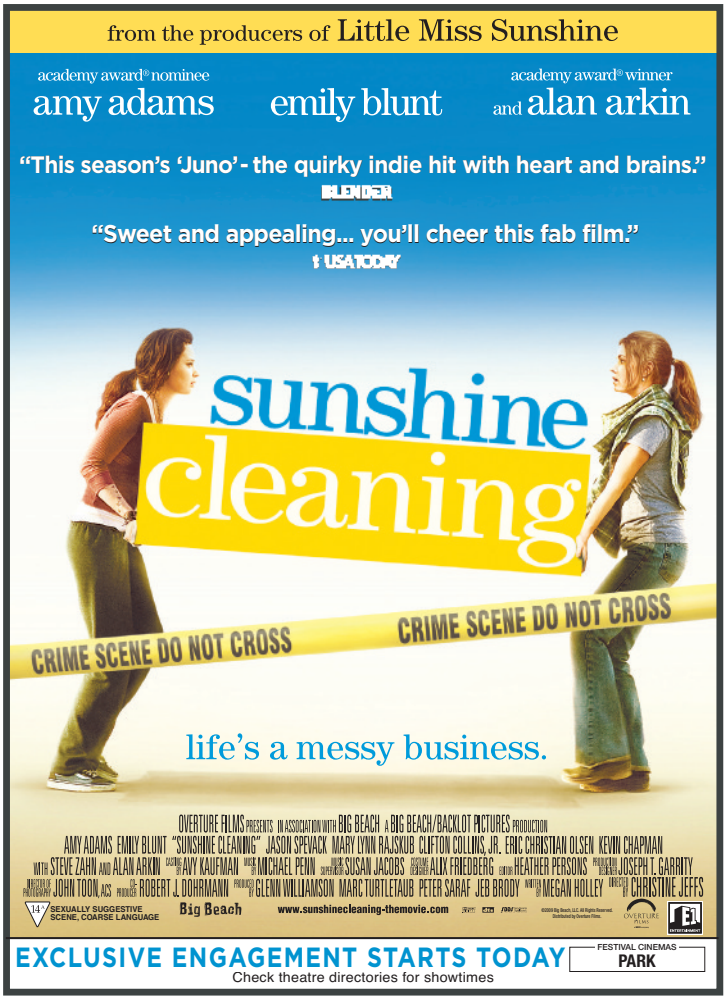
But the title 24 City also hints at the burning-the-candle-at-both-ends ethos that has fuelled the country's recent social and industrial upheaval.

Constructed out of ghostly location shots and interviews with former factory employees, the film appears at first to be a straight documentary.

The testimonials, which reach back into the factory's past, are compelling, but sharp-eyed viewers will catch at least one major Chinese movie star mixed in among the various talking heads. This completely reframes the authenticity and intent of everything that's come before and which follows afterwards.

24 City's straddling of the doc/narrative line is in keeping with the rest of Jia's oeuvre, but it's much more than an artistic signature.

Crisply photographed and beautifully paced, 24 City is an assured piece of filmmaking, but it expresses the problems, for author and audience both, of believing that history can be definitively rendered on screen. Jia's audacity is matched only by his humility.



Lohan film skips theatrical release

Lindsay Lohan got some reel bad news this week: Her new movie, Labor Pains, is headed straight to cable. The film's production company, Nu Image/Millennium Films, has confirmed that the comedy will premiere on ABC Family in July. USMAGAZINE.COM

Movies

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Who's afraid of carnivals?

I find amusement parks disturbing; the grinning clown faces, the creepy organ music, the suspicion that the games are rigged. I always feel like their bright sunny facades are hiding dark secrets. In this weekend's Adventureland, a new coming-of-age comedy set at a seedy carnival, rancid corndogs and fixed games are the extent of the ominous goings-on but despite the movie's tame portrayal of carnival life I can't shake my (possibly irrational) fear of fun fairs.

Apparently I'm not alone.

Filmmakers have set hundreds of stories on fairgrounds and usually somebody is up to no good, but often the action is a little more extreme than cheating at a ring toss.

An all-star cast, including Henry Fonda and George Segal, headlines 1977's Rollercoaster, a compact thriller about a terrorist who is blowing up rollercoasters at amusement parks all over the country. The film is most memorable for its use of the Sensurround process — speakers were placed around the theatre to make your seat shake as the rollercoaster blasted by.

In Westworld, amusement of a different kind can be found at Delos, an adult amusement park split into three sections, Medieval World, Roman World and Westworld, a cowboy themed funland where rich tourists pay $1,000 a day to interact with robots. In this western setting paying customers can do whatever they like to the robots — befriend them or kill them — and all goes well until a computer glitch allows the automatons to fight back. No one is laughing at this amusement park. Directed by Michael Crichton, he riffed on this idea twenty years later, replacing the robots with dinosaurs in 1993's Jurassic Park.

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Two other movies represent the extremes of amusement park movies. In the campy Kiss Meets the Phantom of the Park, the painted rock band must thwart an evil scientist who is cloning humans in his laboratory, hidden deep inside the bowels of an amusement park.

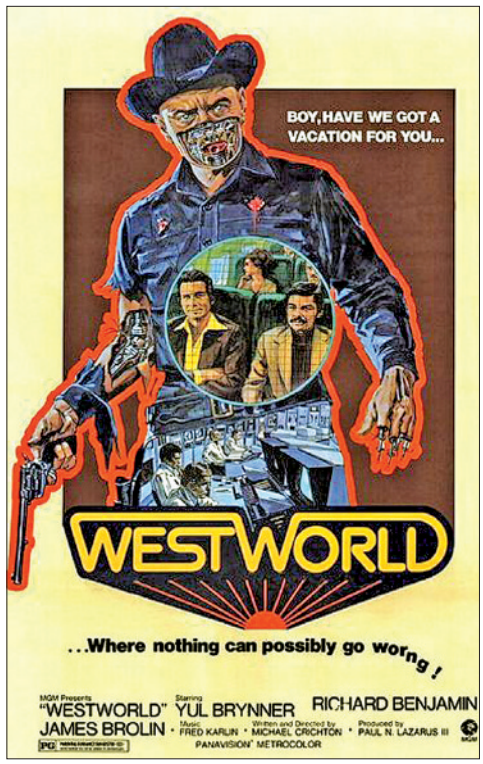
On the other hand Carny, the 1980 Gary Busey film, is so realistic in its look at life on the fair grounds you can almost smell Bozo the Clown's greasepaint.

The king of carnival movies, however, is Freaks, a 1932 oddity deemed so disturbing one critic suggested it was only for the "morbidly curious and the psychically sick." The film's production manager said most of the preview screening's audience ran out of the theatre. "They didn't walk out," he said, "they ran out." What kind of movie could draw this kind of fire from critics and audiences? How about a melodrama that featured real, honest to goodness sideshow performers who unleash a sadistic and nightmarish fury on a pair of circus entertainers who betrayed them?

Bombs! Gun slinging robots! Vengeful sideshow acts!

Think about that on your next trip to the amusement park.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.



Directed by Michael Crichton, Westworld riffed on the theme of things going extremely wrong at an amusement park.

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Extra Large Shorts (STC) Sat 7:30
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Roving Mars (G) Fri 11-3 Sat-Sun 11-3-5 Mon-Thu 11-3 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

African Adventure 3D: Safari in the Okavango (STC) Sat-Sun 5
U2 3D (G) Fri-Sat 5
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-1-2-4-6-7
Wild Ocean (G) Fri-Thu 3

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 4:30-7-8:55 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30-4:30-7-8:55 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-8:55

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Crossing Over (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:15-9:40
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:20-9:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7-9
Projecting Change Film Festival (STC) Thu 7:15
The Reader (18A) Fri-Tue 1:15-4-6:50-9:20 Wed-Thu 1:15-4-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:35
Some Like It Hot (STC) A.M. Sat 10

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

The Class (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1-4:25-8 Mon-Thu 8
Doubt (G) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
The Matrix Trilogy (STC) Fri 7
The Necessities of Life (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:45
Opus Arte: La Dame Aux Camelias (Ballet) (STC) Sat 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 7:05-9:35 Sat 4:05-7:05-9:35 Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:35
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:20

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Milk (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Duplicity (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:50-9:50 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-8
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:15-9:40 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:40 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-7:45
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:15-7:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

I Know That I Am (STC) Sun 8:40
Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles (STC) Fri 7:30 Mon 7:30
A Jihad for Love (PG) Sun 7
The Red and the White (STC) Wed 9:20
Red Psalm (STC) Thu 7:30
Round-Up (STC) Wed 7:30
Silence and Cry (STC) Thu 9:50
Taxi to the Dark Side (R) Sat 7
View From a Grain of Sand (STC) Sat 9

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Opus Arte: La Dame Aux Camelias (Ballet) (STC) A.M. Sat 10
The Reader (18A) Wed 1
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri 4-7-9 Sat 1:45-4 Mon 4 Tue-Thu 4-7-9
Vancouver Jewish Film Festival (STC) Sat 8-10 Sun 10-12:30-2:30-6:45-9 Mon 7:30

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Clerks (STC) Sat
Clerks II (18A) Sat
Horror of Dracula (STC) Fri 12
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 6:15-8:15 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:15-6:15-8:15 Mon-Thu 6:15-8:15
To the Devil a Daughter (STC) Fri

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-10:20
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:40-10:25
The International (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed 12:40-3:40-10:05 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:50-10 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:30-10:30
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:20-2:20-2:40-4:40-5-7-7:20-9:30-9:50
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30-4:10-6:30-7:50-10:10

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:05
The Art Star and the Sudanese Twins (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:45-7:20-9:50
Before Tomorrow (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:35-9:55
Che (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:30
Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-7:30-9:30
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:45-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:55-10:20
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:05-9:35
Taken (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-10

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

24 City (STC) Fri 8:45 Sat 7 Sun 8:45 Mon 7 Tue 8:45 Wed 7 Thu 8:45
Jerichow (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9 Sun 7 Mon 9 Tue 7 Wed 9 Thu 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:25 Mon-Tue 7-9:25 Wed-Thu 7

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Coraline (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:55
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:40
Knowing (14A) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Opus Arte: La Dame Aux Camelias (Ballet) (STC) Digital Presentation Sat 1
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:10-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri 8 Sat 4:20-8 Sun 1-4:20-8 Mon-Thu 8

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:10-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10
Duplicity (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri 6:30-9 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3-6:30-9 No Passes Mon 6:30-9 No Passes Wed 6:30-9 No Passes Thu 6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri 7:15-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:2:30-5-7:15-9:30 No Passes Mon 7:15-9:30 No Passes Tue 6:30-7:15-9-9:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-9:30
One Week (STC) Fri 9:50 Sat-Sun 3:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 9:50
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:40 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:40 Wed 9:40 Thu 6:40-9:40

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Duplicity (PG) Fri 4:20-7:05-9:55 Sat 1-4:20-7:05-9:55 Sun 1-4:20-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:35-7:20-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:40 Sat 1:15-4:30-7:10-9:40 Sun 1:15-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10
Knowing (14A) Fri 4:15-7:9:45 Sat 1:05-4:15-7:9:45 Sun 1:05-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri 5:05-7:15-9:35 No Passes Sat 12:55-3-5:05-7:15-9:35 No Passes Sun 12:55-3-5:05-7:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:05-7:15
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 4:25-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:10-4:25-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:10-4:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:10-10:20
Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 3:20-9:45
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:50-9:40
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:05-10:05
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:45-10:35
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:15-7:20-10:40
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:25
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:40-10:25
The International (14A) Fri-Wed 12:20-3:40-6:45-9:50 Thu 3:40-6:45-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:55-7:30-10:30
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:45
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:30-3:15-5:40-8-10:30 No Passes Thu 3:15-5:40-8-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-7
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:35-10:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-7:15-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-6:55-9:35
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 11:35-12:15-3:30-4:15-7:25-8:05

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 6:30-8:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 6-8 Sat-Sun 12-2-4-6-8 Mon-Thu 6-8

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:05-10:15
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:40
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-7:20-10:10
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:10-7:30-10:15
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:05-7:35-10:10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:45-7:10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:45
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:15-4:30-7-9:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:15-7:45

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 4:50-7:10-9:40 Sat 1:45-4:50-7:10-9:40 Sun 1:45-4:50-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:10
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat 1:50-5-7:30-10 Sun 1:50-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
Miss March (18A) Fri 7:35 Sat-Sun 2-7:35 Mon-Thu 4:45
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:55-7:25 Sat 1:55-4:55-7:25 Sun 1:55-4:55 Mon-Thu 4:55
Push (14A) Fri-Sat 4:45-9:45 Sun 4:45 Mon-Thu 7:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:50 Sat 1:35-4:35-7:20-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
Taken (14A) Fri-Sat 9:35 Sun-Thu 7:25
Watchmen (18A) Fri 4:40-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:20-10:35
Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 6:55-9:55
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:25-5:05-7:40-10:10
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 4:25-10:25
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-7:40-10:45
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4-6:45-9:45 Wed 4-6:45-9:45 Thu 1-4-6:45-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:20
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20
Knowing (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-1:30-4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10:05-10:30 Wed 1:30-4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10:05-10:30 Thu 12:55-1:30-4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10:05-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:10
Miss March (18A) Fri-Thu 10:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1-3-3:30-5:45-7-8-9:30-10:15
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:45
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-7:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-12:40-2:45-3:55-5:25-7:50-10:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:35
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:55-10:40
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:05-4:05-6:45-8:10

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 7-9 Sat 1:30-3:30-7-9 Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:10-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Marley & Me (G) Sat-Sun 2:05
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:30-6:45-8:50 Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-6:45-8:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:45-8:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:50
Aa Dekhen Zara (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:45
Coraline (PG) Fri-Tue 12:55-4:20 Wed 4:20 Thu 12:55-4:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:55-9:55
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40-7:30-10:15
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7:15-10
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:15-8
Knowing (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-7:10-10:10 Wed 3:40-7:10-10:10 Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:10-5:30-7:45-10:05
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5-7:20-9:40
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:30-7:05-9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:35
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:10-7:50

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

12 Rounds (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:25-10:10
Duplicity (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:10
Ek - The Power of One (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-8
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:05-9:40
I Love You, Man (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:20-10:05
Knowing (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:20
The Last House on the Left (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:40-10:15
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:45-9:15
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:45
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-7:10-9:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:55
Taken (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:50

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criteriontheatres.com

Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
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Junos ready for showtime

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Showcasing the diversity of Canadian music, hard rockers, indie rockers, crooners and comedians unite at this year's Juno ceremonies on Sunday at Vancouver's GM Place.

Sarah McLachlan, left, will receive a special humanitarian award while Sam Roberts Band, above, are among the musicians schedule to perform at the Juno Awards this Sunday in Vancouver.

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"Having all those artists together on stage is ... the best way to showcase the diversity of the Canadian industry," said festival organizer and Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) president Melanie Berry. "Some Bryan Adams or Sarah McLaughlin fans don't know City and Colour, and watching this performance is part of that process of discovery."

Since she became involved in 2003, Berry's watched the event gain momentum as it's moved across the country over the years. Along with the two-hour broadcasted ceremony, this year's four-day celebration features a JunoCup face-off between NHL Alumni and Rockers, a free outdoor Juno Fan Fest, and the weekend JunoFest, which takes place at 19 Vancouver venues.

Kicking off with the most pyrotechnics yet seen on Canadian television, the ceremony is hosted by comedian Russell Peters. Loverboy will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, and Sarah McLachlan receives the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award. Performers include big name rockers Sam Roberts Band and Nickelback — who lead the nominees with five and four awards respectively — Bryan Adams, and Great Big Sea. Other acts like Crystal Shawanda and The Stills demonstrate the talent of up-and-coming artists.

"With the rise of the digital age, (independent Canadian artists) can be distributed and heard around the world," said Berry. "(The Polaris Music Prize) has been all positive ... Some things are different, but if you look at it, you'll find that of the (Polaris) nominees in the past three years, 60 per cent are up for Junos, so there's lots of crossover."

Given the current economic situation and recent federal budget cuts to arts and culture programs, (including to the Canada Music Fund, a Juno sponsor), the music industry faces challenges.

But Berry, whose not-for-profit organization so far hasn't been affected, points to continuing global awareness of Canada's musicians as evidence of industry success.

"We're all cognizant of the economy (and so planning and ticket prices for the Junos are designed) with that in mind."

How the MP3 transformed music

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Back in the days when both bandwidth and digital storage were precious, there was a miniaturization race. How could a big, fat, digital file — say, a song from a typical compact disc — be shrunk so it could easily be transferred down a copper wire?

After a very convoluted competition and series of meetings to set worldwide standards, the winner was a group of scientists and engineers at the Germany Fraunhaufer Institute. And on July 14, 1995, they chose the file extension for their new creation — .mp3.

MP3s work by taking an advantage of auditory masking, which basically means a loud sound will render a quiet sound inaudible to the human ear. And if you can't hear the quiet sound, what's the point of it being there? Why not use a mathematical formula to strip it out? That will make the digital file smaller and thus easier to transport and store.

The invention of MP3s transformed the music industry. It gave us Napster, iPods, falling CD sales, angry Metallica drummers, higher concert ticket prices, MySpace and freaked-out record company executives. MP3 technology is also lowering our standards for what qualifies as "good sound."

Several studies seem to indicate that if you've grown up with MP3s and the less-than-high-fidelity sound coming out of cheap ear buds, your perception of what sounds "good" is different from previous generations who remember listening to records played through big stereos and expensive speakers. In other words, the flatter, tinnier sounds that come out of iPods are considered by a growing number of people to be superior to the full frequency recordings that come out of a proper stereo.

"MP3 technology is also lowering our standards for what qualifies as 'good sound.'"

For eight years, a professor of music at Stanford got his freshmen students to rate the audio quality of various songs he played for them. Some were compressed MP3s while others were hi-fi analogue recordings. And sure enough, as the years pass, the number of kids picking MP3s over glorious high-fidelity sound continues to increase.

It's to the point where some record producers have taken to mixing new recordings not while listening to honkin' massive studio monitors, but through cheap iPod headphones. Why? Because that's the quality of sound with which more and more kids are comfortable.

It's just another example of how technology has the ability to change the way we perceive beauty — whether we want to admit it or not.

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Music

Performers set for musical mash

Adams, Nickelback among acts scheduled to hit stage

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Nickelback will perform at this year's Juno Awards ceremony Sunday at GM Place.

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Given the popularity of mash-ups, it's fitting the Juno Awards worked the trend into this year's event — Sunday night's two-hour broadcast crams in more than a dozen performances.

Nashville-based Ojibwa country singer Crystal Shawanda, who has two nominations, said her song flows into a chopped-up trio of tracks.

"(My song is) worked into a medley of songs with other artists … I'm looking forward to seeing how the arrangements flow into one another (live), especially since the other artists are from other genres, not country music," she said.

Even as a six year old she was mingling with other musicians, jumping on-stage at community-organized open mic nights in the school gymnasium on her Wikwemikong reserve.

"My dad set up our basement like a jam space, and we'd all hang out and sing. I'd skip birthdays and slumber parties so I could jam with these guys that were my dad's age."

According to a press release, "A classic rock song gets a little twisted when a group of male performers hit the stage together." It's safe to assume this gang includes Newfoundland folk rockers Great Big Sea, who perform with singer-songwriter Hawksley Workman and genre-bending multi-instrumentalists Eccodek.

Also performing are rock icon and 18-time Juno Award-winner Bryan Adams, Dallas Green's City and Colour, R&B singer Divine Brown, singer-songwriter Serena Ryder and alt-country singer Kathleen Edwards. Sarah McLachlan performs, and will receive the Allan Watters Humanitarian Award. Other performers include Nickelback's pop-grunge, Simple Plan's pop-punk and Sam Roberts' alternative rock.

Montréal-based indie-rockers and Juno newcomers The Stills have been practising with big shows: They've been in Australia playing arenas with Kings of Leon, and opened for Paul McCartney last summer to more than 270,000 people for Québec City's 400th anniversary.

"(Opening for Paul McCartney) was probably our most nerve-wracking show … At that point we'd never played to more than 10,000 or 15,000 people," said singer Tim Fletcher. "But when you step on stage, you just do it, and after five minutes it's OK."

Fletcher said the group's soaring choruses are translating well to fist-pumping, and while the band didn't deliberately write songs with big venues in mind, the experience playing them is a rush. Some influence might also have crept in from childhood — they united in part over heavy metal.

"I remember a Pantera show in Montreal in 1994 — one of many metal moments that locked us together," said Fletcher, laughing.

"There's nothing that brings dudes together and forges them in steel like (heavy) metal."

Music and motherhood

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

I Can Wonder What You Did with Your Day is the ninth solo album from New Brunswick-based singer-songwriter Julie Doiron.

If there's any indie rocker that you'd want as your mom, it's got to be Julie Doiron. The New Brunswick-based singer-songwriter's three kids are just learning about music and what better teacher to have than this former Eric's Trip darling.

"My 14-year-old son has been playing guitar for a year," she says. "But he plays more when I sit down with him and teach him."

A few more lessons and, who knows, he might lead another East Coast rock revolution like Eric's Trip did in the early '90s. And, if he, or Doiron's two girls, decides to make a serious go at a music career, she obviously can't stop them.

"I would have to support them," she says. "But it's up to them. I'm not going to push them to do anything."

If they do get serious about a music career, at least they have a good musical role model to look up to. Doiron has one of the more eclectic Canadian careers, signing to Sub Pop with Eric's Trip in 1993, winning a Juno seven years later, and she's just released I Can Wonder What You Did with Your Day, her ninth solo album.

Unlike her previous disc, the Polaris Prize nominated Woke Myself Up, Doiron's latest is a rockier, lo-fi affair reminiscent of her Eric's Trip past. It's also much more upbeat than a lot of her previous albums.

"Right now I'm a pretty happy person," she says. "It took a long time to understand how to find that. I had a good marriage, the most amazing kids, but I was having a hard time finding a balance."

In order to get to a more positive place, she had to separate from her husband and learn how to love again.

You'd think after an ordeal like that she'd be full of somber, introspective songs, but she reveals that she had trouble writing while her marriage was breaking up.

"I didn't write any songs for the first year of having separated," she explains. "I didn't want to write about that. I actually didn't want to write about anything. But then I started to fall in love again."

The result is an album about discovery and emotional rebirth. "It's about discovering someone new, being happy to be alive, surviving a breakup and realizing there is going to more after that," she says. "That's not it until you die."

While the happier lyrics are refreshing, Doiron hasn't turned into a twee pop act. There's still moments of longing, confusion and doubt that puts a precarious spin on her newfound feelings. "I'm never full on jolly," she makes sure to point out. "I definitely feel better, but the record feels pretty human to me."

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Cyrus at the Country Music Awards

Following her country-toned debut with pal Taylor Swift at this year's Grammys, Miley Cyrus will perform — solo this time — at the 44th Annual Country Music Awards on April 5. PEOPLE.COM

Television

Peters does Junos, hip-hop style

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

As demonstrated at the 2008 Awards, Juno host Russell Peters has a few musical chops.

When introducing Michael Bublé for a performance by Guys With Ties, Peters hunched over a turntable and cut up the crooner's name.

"That Bublé sample sucked — I couldn't do anything interesting with it," said Peters. "Mark Strong's voice was too deep, so I couldn't cut it up. You need a high-pitched noise, like 'Bublé, Bublé', and I didn't get that, so it was no good."

Self-criticism aside, a Youtube clip of the Toronto-born comedian at legendary scratch DJ Q-Bert's house proves this year's host has skills.

Now living in L.A., Peters still follows the Canadian scene, singling out Shad's album The Old Prince as Juno-nomination worthy. When preparing for the Junos, he draws on hip-hop, as well as on awards show hosts like Chris Rock and Billy Crystal who recognize they aren't the event's main focus. He feels more relaxed compared to last year: He knows what to expect, and Vancouver is "a far more forgiving city than Calgary".

> **"Rapping and hip-hop is all about timing and rhythm ... What I do is all hip-hop — I mix in jokes and add my own flair."** Russell Peters

"The Juno committee lets me do what I want to do — there are no guidelines, which is great, since if I didn't have that freedom, it would be really annoying," he said. "At this year's opening, I've got something else (hip-hop related) up my sleeve. I can't say what it is, but it's safe to assume it will be something to do with one of the four elements (of hip-hop)." From freestyle call-and-response routines with audiences to remixing old jokes, Peters pulls from the same techniques he uses when chopping up beats to prepare comedy routines.

At the Junos, he'll mix scripted material with his own reactions. But while he employs some of the tricks used by hip-hop artists, Peters said comedians and musicians are very different performers. Comedians, he explained, don't have the benefit of a backup band or a politely appreciative audience: If a comedian bombs, people rarely clap.

"Rapping and hip-hop is all about timing and rhythm, and comedy's like that too ... What I do is all hip-hop — I mix in jokes and add my own flair to telling them," he said. "With musicians, if the audience is not grooving to them, they can still keep playing and do their song, and people still clap at the end.

"They are very different people — musicians can be way more sensitive, and more ego-driven in a way."

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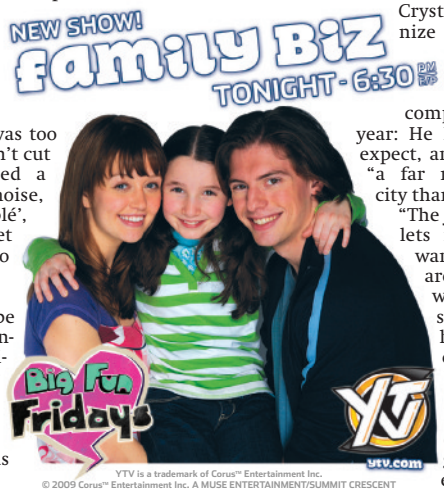
Russell Peters will once again host the Junos this year.



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Richardson to be organ donor

AFTER LIFE The family of British actress Natasha Richardson, who died of a head injury last week after a skiing accident, has donated her organs to others fighting for their lives, according to media reports.

Richardson, 45, died in a New York hospital last Wednesday, two days after falling and hitting her head during a private ski lesson at Mont Tremblant resort in Quebec. She was not wearing a helmet at the time.

People magazine said her family, including her Irish actor husband Liam Neeson, requested after she was removed from life support that her organs be donated to other patients in need.

The website quoted a family friend as saying organ donation "is very Natasha."

"She spent so much time fighting the stigma of AIDS; someone like that would naturally donate her organs. At least by donating her organs something good could come out of (the tragedy)."

Figures from the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network showed that as of March 25 about 101,257 people were waiting for organ transplants in the United States with about 19 people dying a day while waiting for a suitable donor.

Neeson and the couple's two sons, aged 13 and 12, her actress mother Vanessa Redgrave and her sister Joely Richardson were joined on Sunday by friends and family to mourn the loss of the Tony-winning actress at a funeral in Millbrook, upstate New York, where the family lived.

Neeson was expected to return to work on the Toronto set of his upcoming drama Chloe while the boys were headed back to school, People said. REUTERS

Madonna to adopt in Malawi again?

MADONNA Pop star Madonna, who has said she may adopt another child from Malawi, may visit the southern African country in the next few days, a government official said on Thursday.

Officials said Madonna will bring her Malawian son David, whose adoption was controversial. Critics accused the government of skirting laws that ban non-residents from adopting children in Malawi, which has been badly hit by an AIDS epidemic.

"We expect her over the weekend or earlier than that ... but without a doubt she is coming before the end of this month," the official at the Ministry of Gender and Child Development told Reuters.

The local Nation newspaper this month quoted Madonna as saying that Malawian friends had told her David needed a brother or sister and that she would consider adopting another child, but only with the support of the Malawian people.

Child rights activist John Soo Phiri said Madonna may find it more difficult to adopt another child as a single parent after her divorce from film director Guy Ritchie.

"She will have to prove that as a single parent she still has the abilities to raise another child alone," said Phiri.

David is growing up in the high-flying life of a global pop star, worlds away from his village of Lipunga, where his relatives eat staple food like maize meal from simple bowls and meals are cooked on open fires.

Madonna is expected to visit a site where her charity, Raising Malawi, will start building a multi-million dollar school for girls, the officials said.

David's father, Yohane Banda, told Reuters that he may see his son next week.

"Someone from Raising Malawi visited me last week and told me that my son may be visiting me sometime next week. I am delighted, I want to see my son," he said.

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Hudson moves forward

Five months after the tragic murders of three of her family members, Jennifer Hudson is moving forward with planning her wedding to David Otunga. "Yeah, but it's a secret," she told Ryan Seacrest during a recent taping of American Idol. PEOPLE.COM

Television

Silver lining in the recession cloud

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Ty Pennington is a big believer in the do-it-yourself movement.

The outspoken host of the hit ABC show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition — who adds official spokesman for the Ottawa Home & Garden Show to his resumé this weekend to go along with his vetting of the National Homes Show in Toronto in February — thinks the recession will only serve to make DIY more popular.

"Houses in general, and the way people look at them, will change," Pennington told Metro. "With things being tighter than they used to be, people are focusing more on what's really important."

While people were looking at houses as investments before, "it's about making it your nest" now, he said.

"People are personalizing their homes, making it fit their own family's needs. They're turning the dining room into an office or a kid's play area."

People are also putting more focus on their kitchens, said Pennington.

"When things get tight, people eat in more," he said. "I think people will spend more time at home fixing dinners and having family over."

Pennington, who got his big break as the carpenter on the home improvement series Trading Spaces, was catapulted into the mainstream as host of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. He also has an endorsement deal with Sears and a three-year partnership with Marketplace Events, the largest organizer of consumer remodelling, home decor and gardening shows in North America.

Shows are a great way for people to get inspired about their surroundings, Pennington said.

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Ty Pennington

"They give you incredible ideas," he said. "It lets you see what homes are going to be like in the future — you'll see state-of-the-art materials and green materials."

While he's sure people will be inspired by different things at the show, Pennington — who authored home improvement guide Ty's Tricks: Home Repair Secrets Plus Cheap and Easy Projects to Transform Any Room — said there are things everyone can do, and things that should be left to the pros.

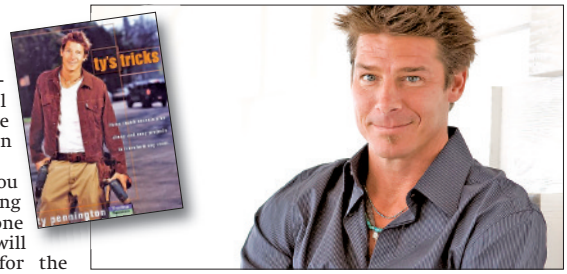
"If it doesn't have to do with electrical and plumbing, then absolutely, people can do it themselves," said Pennington.

Things that everyone can do include "adding colour to the walls, whether through paint, wallpaper, photos, fabric and plants.

"Things like that are very affordable, too," he said. "And things like photos create a little bit of life, and we all need that in our homes."

As for Pennington, he's grateful to be able to have such an effect on people's lives.

"As a designer, you walk away feeling that you've done something that will affect someone for the rest of their life," he said. "There's no greater job."



TV host Ty Pennington says the recession will be good for DIY improvements on people's homes as they stay in more often.

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	575	583	20 CMT	Mind of Crime (2004, Drama) Lauren Holly, Max Martini, Brian McNamara.					Candid C.	Mind of Crime (2004, Drama) Lauren Holly.		
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		Criminal Minds "Legacy"		CSI: Miami "Shootout" (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	32 TLC	Yes Dress	Blooming Biz	What Not to Wear "Tami"		Yes Dress	Blooming Biz	What Not to Wear "Tara K."		What Not
	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits "Valerie 23"		Durham County (CC)		Testees (CC)	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) Fun With Dick & Jane		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) The Honeymooners ★★ (2005) Cedric the Entertainer.				(:10) The Man
	603	561	69 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Challenge "Cereal Bridges"		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:15) Almost Heaven (2006)		Iron Man ★★★ (2008) Robert Downey Jr. Premiere. (CC)				(:15) Spider-Man 3 ★★ (2007, Action) (CC)		
cable variety	581	566	101 MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Cribs (CC)	The Real World "Brooklyn"		Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Made (CC)

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SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Calgary Flames. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6 JOY	Chef School	E News	The Party Never Stops (2007, Drama) Sara Paxton. (CC)				Show Yours	G-Spot (CC)	News (CC)
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE Gamblers; school. (N)		CSI: NY (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		Comedy Now Russell Peters.		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Death in the Forest		Masterminds	Masterminds	Doc (CC)		Doc (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Inc.	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries		The Conclave (2006) Rolf Kanies, Nicholas Irons. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "Sweet 16" (CC)		Operation Smile		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Raising Shane"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	NCIS "Capitol Offense" (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Figure Skating: ISU World Championships				News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Just Like Heaven ★★ (2005) Reese Witherspoon. Premiere.				Castle (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (N)
news	502	390	25 NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		Earth Hour 2009 (CC)		Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Skiing: FIS Freestyle		The Ultimate Fighter				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		PartyPoker.net
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			ATP Tennis: Sony Ericsson Open			Boxing: Lewis vs. Mavrovic		F1 Racing
family	552	543	23 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Addams Family ★★ (1991) Anjelica Huston. (CC)				Naruto (CC)	Bleach (CC)	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	I Yabba-Dabba Do! ★★ (1993) Voices of Joseph Barbera.				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	Shark Sonics (CC)		Heartbeat "Oscar's Birthday"		Midsomer Murders "The Green Man" (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Sugarland: Live at the Revival		Grand Ole Opry Live		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Ed (CC)
	615	520	31 A&E	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Bounty Hunter
	521	560	32 TLC	My First Home	Deals on Bus	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	My First Home	Deals on Bus	Table for 12
	616	522	39 SHO	Mutant X "Double Vision"		The Last Templar ★ (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Mira Sorvino.				Snakes on a Plane ★★ (2006, Horror)		
	294	650	47 TBS	My Big Fat Greek Wedding		(7:55) The Wedding Date ★★ (2005) (CC)			(:40) Spanglish ★★★ (2004) Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni. (CC)			
	603	561	69 FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen
	320	621	30 CEN	U.S. of Tara	Tracey Ullman	Sex and the City ★★★ (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker. Premiere. (CC)				The Love Guru ★ (2008)		
cable variety	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

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SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Wayne & Shuster: Legacy III		Figure Skating ISU World Championships -- Women's Free.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Almquist Family" (N)				The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (CC)
	250	321	9 CTV	News (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		The 2009 JUNO Awards (Taped) (CC)				News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	The Unit "Best Laid Plans" (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Libertyville" (N)		Medium "Truth Be Told" (N)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings "First Night" (N) (CC)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe "Hour 7 - Bad Blood"		Cinecity
	-	-	14 CW	Jericho "A.K.A." (CC)		WarGames ★★★ (1983, Suspense) Matthew Broderick.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Cold Case "Libertyville" (N)		The Unit "Best Laid Plans" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		Kings "First Night" (N) (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Almquist Family" (N)				Desperate Housewives (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	American Dad	King of Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	25 NW	Anthrax War (N) (CC)			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		Anthrax War (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		D.L. Hughley-News		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports	407	419	22 RSP	PartyPoker.net World Open IV		Boys to the Bigs		The Ultimate Fighter				Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			ATP Tennis: Sony Ericsson Open			Poker		SportsCentre
family	552	543	23 YTV	(6:00) Open Season ★★ (CC)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life (CC)		Adrenaline	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Explorer		Inspector Morse: The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn ★★				Life Begins (CC)		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Weddings	CMT Star	The 42nd Annual CMA Awards Festivities honor excellence in country music. (CC)						Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Spring Break"		CSI: Miami "Deep Freeze"		CSI: Miami "Sunblock" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	32 TLC	Royal Inquest (N)		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Royal Inquest		48 Hours
	616	522	39 SHO	The Guard "Zero Footprint"		The Last Templar ★ (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Mira Sorvino.				Damages (N) (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47 TBS	(:15) What Women Want ★★ (2000) Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt. (CC)					(:45) The Prince & Me ★★ (2004) Julia Stiles, Ben Miller. (CC)			
	603	561	69 FN	The Next Iron Chef (CC)		The Heat	The Heat	Challenge (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Next Iron Chef
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:10) 10,000 B.C. ★ (2008)		Encounters at the End of the World ★★★			(:45) Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day ★★★ (2008) (CC)			
cable variety	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)

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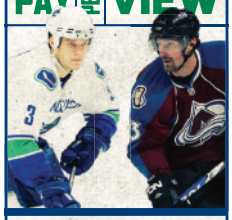
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Lauer returns with injuried arm

With his arm in a sling, Matt Lauer returned to the Today show Thursday, days after he dislocated his shoulder in a bicycle accident. "I feel good," he told co-anchor Ann Curry. "I doubled up on the meds so I'm ready for all your jokes." USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Superman's secret

New book discusses Clark Kent co-creator's S&M art

The artist who co-created Clark Kent and Superman had his own secret identity — as an illustrator of sadomasochistic pulp books.

"This stuff was highly illegal — you couldn't mail it across state lines," said artist and comics historian Craig Yoe.

In his new book, Secret Identity: The Fetish Art of Superman's Co-Creator Joe Shuster — due to hit store shelves in April — Yoe describes finding a copy of the pulp porn Nights of Horror in a used bookstore.

Seeing the unsigned pictures in the book, his immediate reaction was "Oh my God, Joe Shuster." The Superman artist's work was like a fingerprint, he said, adding heads of the comic industry had the same reaction to the artwork in the pulp novel.

Yoe says the story behind the Nights of Horror artwork, which he chronicles in his book, is as lurid as the drawings: Shuster's bitter departure from D.C. Comics and the Superman he created, his two decades in obscurity, dirty cops, showgirls, Brooklyn thrill killers, bullwhips and a senate investigation that nearly collapsed the comic book industry.

"It's too crazy for comic books," Yoe said.

Some of the pictures remain unnerving today, he adds. But Shuster's illegal artwork — which had 80 detectives searching for its creators — still adhered to certain odd standards of the time.

"They had whipping and chaining but you can't show nipples on men," Yoe said.

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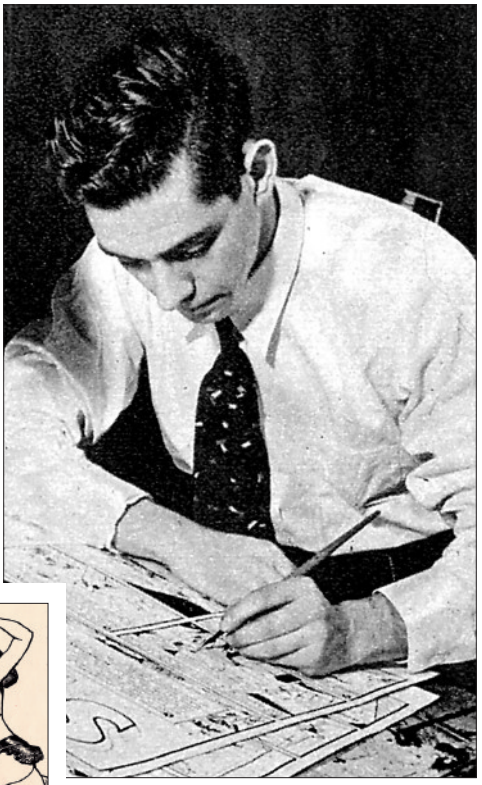
Craig Yoe, artist, author and comics historian



Joe Shuster, the co-creator of Clark Kent and Superman, had a dark secret of his own: He was an illustrator of sadomasochistic pulp books.
ABOVE: Superman's co-creator Joe Shuster, circa 1941.
LEFT: Secret Idenity: The Fetish Art of Superman's Co-Creator Joe Shuster by Craig Yoe.

Fans of New Moon will be surprised by film, says star

FILM For Twilight movie fans who are anxiously awaiting the sequel but haven't read the second book in the vampire series, New Moon, the film's star Robert Pattinson offers this advice — be ready for something different and perhaps a little strange.

Pattinson became an overnight sensation playing a lovestruck vampire in the smash hit that sucked $373.4 million from global box offices, and he is in Vancouver, Canada, this week starting production on the film version of New Moon.

Before that sequel lands in theaters in November, Pattinson plays eccentric painter Salvador Dali in Little Ashes, which opens in art houses May 8 and tells of a homosexual love affair between Dali and the poet Federico Garcia Lorca.

But for now his turn as immortal vampire Edward Cullen, who falls in love with high school girl Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) in Twilight, has catapulted him to fame and his fans are dying for details on New Moon.

Pattinson, for one, is cautious.

"The book of New Moon, the majority of it is incredibly depressing," Pattinson told Reuters. "Obviously Twilight was about finding first love and the difficulties of that, but New Moon is really about loss and reconciliation, but the reconciliation isn't completely full."

"It's a strange story to have for a market that, I guess, wants to see a love story," he said.

Nevertheless, the London-born Pattinson said everyone involved is working to make New Moon as big a success as Twilight.

Pattinson's rising star has turned the former model into a favorite target of the paparazzi. Only last year, he was a relatively unknown actor whose big film credits were supporting roles in a pair of Harry Potter movies.

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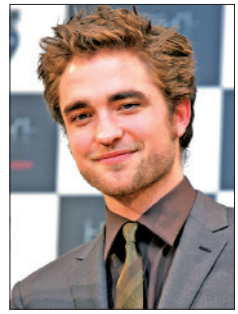

Actor Robert Pattinson.

Opening date

- New Moon, from director Chris Weitz, is scheduled to open in theatres on Nov. 20.

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Fleisher plays Mozart in two-hand concerto return

MUSIC U.S. pianist Leon Fleisher's right hand is one of the most famous in music.

In the mid-1960s the superstar of the classical music world lost the ability to play with the hand when two fingers became immobile due to a condition called focal dystonia.

After 30 years of teaching, conducting and playing music composed for the left hand, Fleisher regained the use of his right hand after treatment involving botox injections.

The first recording since his rehabilitation came in 2004, and now the 80-year-old has released a recording of Mozart piano concertos including one where he performs with his wife.

He said the choice of music was partly dictated by physical limitations.

"I am still a dystonic, if you will," Fleisher said in a telephone interview from the United States.

"I have focal dystonia and although I take treatments that help minimize the effects of it, nothing cures it, at least not yet, so I have to pick and choose my repertoire."

He described Mozart as "the most transcendent and economical" of composers.

"If we had to be paid by the note, we would be paupers if we played Mozart, in contrast to Rachmaninov. I love these pieces very much."

One of the three concertos on the new disc, called Mozart Piano Concertos and available in the United States on the Sony Classical label on March 31, is the same one Fleisher performed in 1995 which marked his return to two-handed playing.

The pianist plays with the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra and performs Mozart's piano concertos No. 23, No. 12 and No. 7. The latter is for two pianos and he is joined by his wife Katherine Jacobson-Fleisher.

Asked if playing and recording with his wife led to tensions in the relationship, Fleisher replied:

"My wife and I are quite proud of saying we have invented a new tort law for divorce. The big challenge for four-hand piano is only one person can peddle. We have invented new tort law which is divorce due to irreconcilable peddling."

Despite the deep depression he suffered when forced to "retire" at 37, Fleisher said the experience brought rewards.

"There are moments in my life when I think back on this whole soap opera (and) I am not so sure, if I had the chance, that I would change anything," he said. "It forced me to expand my horizons."

"Suddenly one morning I woke up and decided my connection to music was more than just as a two-handed piano player. There were other ways I could remain connected and active in music."

Fleisher believes his story, the subject of an Oscar-nominated documentary, will give "hope and courage to those who are confronted with events in their lives that seemed to be insuperable."

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"One morning I woke up and decided my connection to music was more than just as a two-handed piano player."
U.S. pianist Leon Fleisher

Helgenberger files for divorce
CSI star Marg Helgenberger filed for divorce from her husband Alan Rosenberg, TMZ.com reports. The actress, 50, cites irreconcilable differences in the papers filed Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Quantum of Solace

DVD The second instalment of the James Bond franchise reboot may be a little thin on plot, but still packs more punch than any of the Pierce Brosnan revivals. In fact, the opening car chase involving an Aston Martin DBS (and Daniel Craig, of course) is worth the price of entry alone.

2 Earth Hour

CAUSE It's switch off and save the planet time. At 8:30 p.m. local time Saturday, environmentally conscious people all over the world will shut down their non-essential lights and electrical appliances for an hour to raise awareness about climate change.

3 The Hazards of Love: The Decemberists

ALBUM Colin Meloy & co. follow up their 2006 breakthrough The Crane Wife with a unique take on British folk, classic metal and prog rock. In keeping with the bombast of these genres, the 17-song album tells the tale of a woman ravaged by a shape-shifting animal, her lover, a forest queen and a cold-blooded rake.

4 Colourful nails

FASHION If celebrities like Rihanna, M.I.A. and Solange Knowles are any indication, wild coloured manicures (preferably embellished with rhinestones or airbrushed graphics) will be big for spring. To get started on the trend, try IM Beauty from Sephora by O.P.I., $11. Available exclusively at Sephora stores or online at sephora.com.

5 Games on demand

TECH The console wars may soon be a thing of the past. California-based OnLive Inc. has developed technology that can deliver video games on demand, much like movies and music, over the Internet.

6 D-Box Technologies

ENTERTAINMENT Want to feel the roll of a wave or the punch of a gunshot as you see and hear it onscreen? This Quebec company has developed movie theatre seats that get you right in the thick of things. Fast And Furious, which opens next week, will feature the technology in a Hollywood theatre. D-Box plans to bring the technology to Canada soon

7 Junos

AWARDS Canadian funny man Russell Peters returns to host the biggest celebration of Canadian music. Usual heavyweights such as Nickelback and Bryan Adams along with indie darlings The Stills are slated to perform. Airs live Sunday night on CTV.

Mix of Six

Juno Awards
When: Sunday
Where: GM Place
Celebrating Canadian talent at the annual Juno Awards, this prestigious event is hosted by comedian Russell Peters and features acts from artists a wide variety of Canadian artists. Tix: $69-189. Info: junoawards.ca.

JunoFest
When: Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Where: Granville Mall, pubs and lounges across downtown
JunoFest is two-nights of music, booze and fun showcasing more than 100 local and national artists representing every kind of Canadian music. Tix: $30. Info: junofest.ca.

Rio Midnight Horror Showing
When: Friday, 11:30 p.m.
Where: 1660 East Broadway
For hardcore horror fans, Rio Theatre has a special midnight showing of Horror of Dracula and To the Devil a Daughter. Includes live performances, fake blood, prizes and fun. Tix: $10 or $8 if you wear a costume. Info: riotheatre.ca.

Taboo Sex Show
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Tradex
The Taboo Naughty But Nice Sex Show is back for an encore at the Tradex centre in Abbotsford. It's an upscale consumer trade show dedicated to romance and self-improvement. Tix: $15. Info: taboosexshow.com.

The Real Thing
When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Granville Island Stage
A play all about love, marriage and fidelity. Written by Britain's pre-eminent playwright Tom Stoppard, this story of love, commitment and authenticity is rife with intrigue. Tix: $25-40. Info: artsclub.com.

Vancouver International Dance Festival
When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Roundhouse Community Centre
Featuring performances from Kokoro Dance, Mozaico Flamenco and The Story of Force and Motion. Tix: $18-23. Info: vidf.ca.

Indian art paints a new picture in downturn

An economic downturn has taken some colour out of India's once booming art market, but it has also brought back collectors who had been priced out by speculators splashing out on high-priced works.

At two recent auctions of modern and contemporary Indian art, works were priced lower and not all of them were sold, but quality works by well-known artists still saw fierce bidding.

"We are very encouraged by the fact that despite the slowdown, people are still looking to buy quality work," said Dinesh Vazirani, co-founder of Saffronart, whose spring online auction recently sold 70 per cent of more than 100 works.

Prices are nearly 25 per cent lower and the Saffronart auction netted 78 million rupees ($1.5 million), he said, just a fifth of the collection from the summer auction last June.

"But we are seeing old collectors who'd missed out during the boom, buying what they like, what they know," he said.

A booming economy and a six-year bull market had helped fuel a boom in Indian art in recent years, with prices of even lesser-known artists skyrocketing as newly minted millionaires bought paintings and sculptures to match designer interiors.

Wealth managers began advising on art as an alternative investment, and dozens of galleries mushroomed in New Delhi and financial hub Mumbai, along with fancy wine and cheese soirées and waitlists for artists stretching into years.

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Not going to back down

Kim Kardashian's got nothing to hide — "So what: I have a little cellulite. What curvy girl doesn't," she writes on her blog in response to an untouched magazine photo of her that was released on the Internet. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

New sound snubbed

CAREER Mark Ronson has offered to help save Amy Winehouse's career, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The producer — who worked with the troubled star on her award-winning LP Back to Black — has agreed to work on the singer's third album after she failed to impress record label bosses with her new material. It was recently claimed bosses at Winehouse's record label had rejected the reggae-influenced tracks she composed while holidaying in the Caribbean.

A source said: "She seems to have ditched her trademark vintage soul sound and is now heavily influenced by reggae. Her bosses don't think it's a wise move."

However, Universal Records later denied the claims.

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Jamie Lynn cancels wedding

RELATIONSHIPS Britney's little sister isn't getting hitched after all. Sources say that Jamie Lynn Spears, 17, has called off her planned wedding to Casey Aldridge, the father of her infant daughter.

"They are still in love, living together and very happy," a source tells OK! Magazine. "But they have no plans to get married. Jamie Lynn has everything she wants and feels no need for a ring and piece of paper."

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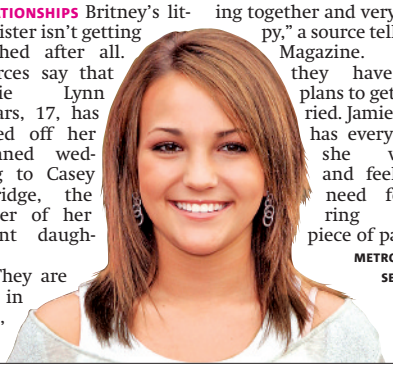

Madonna makes a tweet

PEOPLE Madonna popped up on the newly popular Twitter recently, or at least that's what her manager, Guy Oseary, claimed when he posted he was sitting right next to her and would be taking questions for about 10 minutes recently.

An eager fan took a dig at Guy Ritchie by posting that he was glad the singer is single again. "You made your best music as a single woman!" A moment later, this reply came: "Not as glad as I am!"

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Marriage on the rocks?

MARRIAGE Looks like the honeymoon may be over for Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz. The couple, who were married less than a year ago in May 2008, are reportedly facing some problems, according to Page Six.

"Ashlee and Pete are on the rocks," a source says. "He is going out all the time and she's stuck at home. It's just not working." A rep for the couple denies the story, saying, "This is not true. Everything is fine in their world." The couple's first child, Bronx Mowgli, was born in November.

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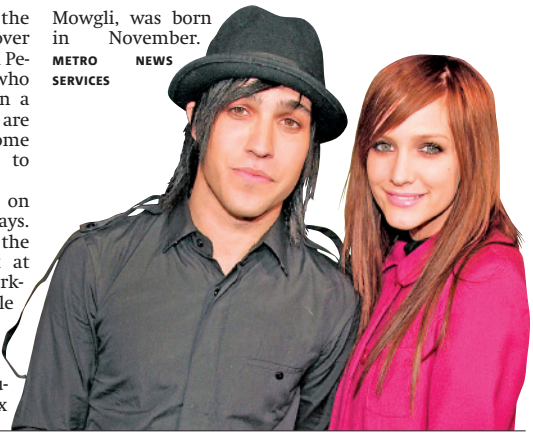

Penn and Portman get cozy?

RUMOUR Oscar-winner Sean Penn, 48, was allegedly spotted getting frisky with Natalie Portman, 27, recently, according to Star magazine.

"They went to a bank of elevators that only goes to the spa or to private rooms," says an eyewitness who claims to have spotted the pair having a cozy dinner at the Sunset Tower Hotel. "They came back about 45 minutes later, and that's when I saw them making out."

Penn filed for divorce from his wife, Robin Wright Penn, in 2007, but the couple reconciled.

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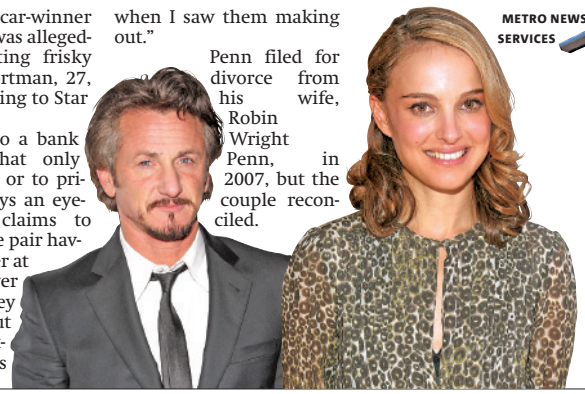

Host scoffs at Lohan's modelling idea

CAREER Tyson Beckford isn't too impressed with Lindsay Lohan's aspirations to give up acting and be a model full time. And he should know, as he hosts the Bravo show Make Me a Supermodel.

At a party for the show recently, Us Weekly asked him about Lohan's career goals. "She has the partying part down right," Beckford says.

"But I don't think she's got the focus. I mean, it requires a lot of focus and a lot of people think they can do it, but they really find that it's a lot harder."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Tony's great, Jess' dad insists

PEOPLE In other Simpson family news, papa Joe Simpson is taking to his Twitter account to refute a recent story by the National Enquirer claiming he wants daughter Jessica Simpson to dump her boyfriend, Tony Romo. The story reported that Joe blames Romo for distracting Jessica.

In response, Joe posted, "So tired of people saying I don't like Jess and Tony ... He is the best ... Don't believe the National Enquirer!!!"

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ryan gushes over Twilight stars

PEOPLE Turns out Ryan Reynolds is a big fan of Twilight — or at least of the hit movie's stars.

MTV News asked him recently about the phenomenon, and Reynolds responded, "Oh my God, are you kidding me? Robert Pattinson in a word: dreamy."

The Wolverine: Origins star also had some nice things to say about Pattinson's co-star, Kristen Stewart. "She's an old, old soul," he said. "I wonder if she's one of the Golden Girls with a great face-lift."

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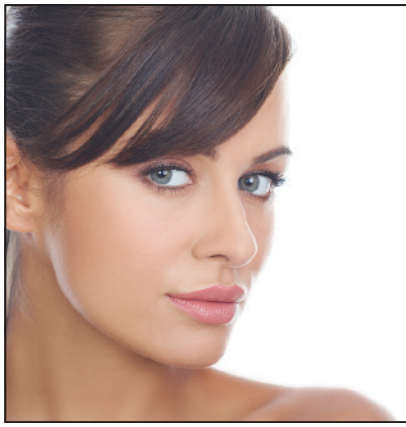

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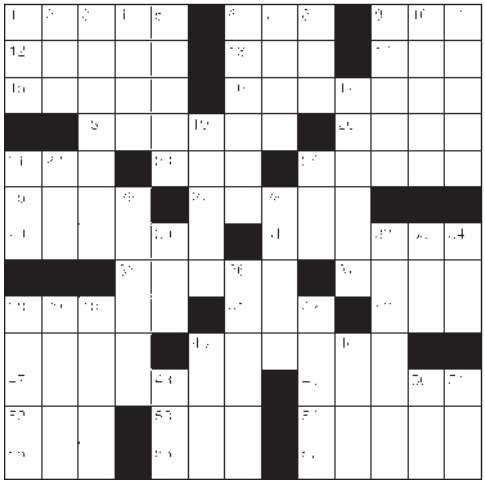

Crossword across

1 Washer phase
6 Yon maiden
9 Squabble
12 Less infirm
13 Pick a target
14 Will Smith biopic role
15 Pedro's pal
16 Sleep
18 Unassuming
20 Reed instrument
21 "CSI" workplace
23 Preceding
24 Off somehow
25 Neighborhood
27 Away from others
29 Late August births
31 Sarge, e.g.
35 Upright
37 Quaker pronoun
38 Arab bigwig
41 "— Poetica"
43 S.A. nation
44 Dumbo's "wings"
45 For now
47 Snake handler?
49 River bend
52 Matterhorn, for one
53 GIs' entertainers
54 La Scala show
55 Allow
56 Comprehended
57 "Two Women" Oscar winner

Crossword down

1 Half a dance?
2 Sweet potato
3 Mountaineer
4 Building block name
5 Wear down
6 Talks back to
7 Sword handle
8 Flightless bird
9 Shul VIP
10 Bread spreads
11 Mess behind a desk
17 Second
19 Obliterate
21 Restroom, for short
22 Onassis, to pals
24 Commotion
26 Bias against the elderly
28 Preamble
30 Mork's home planet
32 Room
33 "— the ramparts ..."
34 "Family Guy" daughter
36 Snowman's nose
38 Calyx component
39 Actress Berry
40 Blow one's top
42 Perry Como prop, often
45 Mexican money
46 Big fair, briefly
48 Glitch
50 Tramcar load
51 Ashy

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

7	2			8		5		1
		9						2
5					6		4	
		6	9		8			
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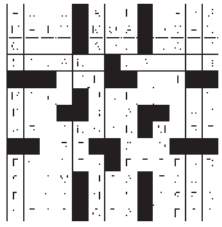
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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8	5	9	7	4	1	6	3	2
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7	6	5	1	2	4	3	8	9
2	3	4	9	7	8	5	6	1
9	8	1	3	6	5	2	7	4

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Spaghetti with Chickpeas and Spicy Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 celery stalk, finely chopped
1 can (14 oz /398 ml) chopped tomatoes
12 oz (375 g) spaghetti
2 x 14-oz (398-ml) cans chickpeas, rinsed
1/2 tsp (2 ml) tobasco sauce
2 cups (500 ml) baby spinach leaves
salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup (75 ml) pecorino Romano cheese

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in heavy pot, add onion and garlic, then cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes.
2. Add celery and sauté, stirring, 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes with their juice and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until thick, about 15 minutes.
3. Cook spaghetti in large pot of boiling water according to package instructions.
4. When sauce is cooked, stir in chickpeas and Tabasco. Add spinach and simmer, stirring, until spinach wilts, 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Drain spaghetti and toss with chickpeas and tomato sauce. Serve immediately, sprinkled with cheese.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A flippant attitude makes you wonder about someone. A mistake will make a carefree companion face reality. You'll make your own luck.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Find the strength to modify your commitments. Some people are too unpredictable. Happiness is found in a positive turn of events.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A happy-go-lucky guy flies in the face of envy. Reactions are given about a dark-haired woman. Keep busy so you don't have to think.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A vindictive man will shockingly express gratitude. Don't consider the possibility of relocating. You're shown how to get something done.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Make a safer plan before time runs out. Show a respectful silence for someone's blubbering. Help someone walk free from a conflict.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Make amends with a sarcastic person. Convince someone to make a revision. Somebody is raring to go.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Look up to find the source of a noise. Make some guidelines for a steadfast person. Helpers are challenging past expectations.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A mischievous pal refuses to be a bother. A specialist will be helpful. A quiet woman will push you forward into the future.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Accusations of unreasonableness make for thundering voices. A foreign friend walks away from a dispute. A troublemaker has excuses handy.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You'll laugh when a joker meets a sweet newcomer. A man blocks a plan. It's the right time to admit that you were wrong.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A tactless woman is starved for love. Consider exposing a fiendish game. Be merciful to others after job anxiety eases.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Everything will work out if you prove your ability. A frowning female gets the upper hand. A sad person reaches out.

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